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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1906.

PUBLIC OFFICERS' SALARIES.

(30th December.)

have brought in a scheme for enhancing the the Lieut.-Governor in the memorandum of go; towards ameliorating the condition of these officials is trifling in the extreme. it is true, but while the senior members of the public service are to receive an advance at once, and even ante-dated, the small fry and in Hongkong, with the result that Little places are better; served that Ceylon). We doubt such is the case of a pedition to the impector of choicing the control of the country and the product of the country and the product of the country and the country of the places of the places of the country of the places of the places of the places of the country of the places of the places of the places of the places of the country of the places of the country of the places of the country of the places of t the latter places are better served than

began to fall in 1901 or 1902, the salaried staff quickly cried out for a sterling basis of payment; now that the dollar has risen and is likely to remain high they wish to sing another tune. It was the same in Hongkong as in Ceylon, and the small fish suffer. It seems that in Ceylon they have a crowd of servitors at 900 rupees per annum, say \$600, and it is now proposed to decrease the number of those who draw that magnificent salary and increase the better-paid posts, so that a man need not think he will be living from hand to mouth, in hunger and misery, all his life. Of course that is a sop, for which the junior staff should be properly thankful, but where is the suggestion that the salaries should be increased from the bottom upwards? According to the introducer of the scheme that is the grandmotherly way of doing busi ness, and whatever the faults of the Government nobody will be allowed to say they are grandmotherly. What the Government did was to look for a grievance and redress it but the senior members of the public service being most accessible had their grievances redressed, while the juniors were told to hope on, work harder, and perhaps they would get a step in promotion. At present, according to the Lieut.-Governor, they might live to the age of Methuselah on a bare pittance but now they have got some encouragement for higher things, and doubtless they will be properly grateful. The beneficent legislator in the Native States who advanced the salary of the Government peons by triennial increments of one cent-or perhaps it was ten-has his prototype in Ceylon. It is doubly hard on the poorly-paid members of the service, because they can bring less in fluence to bear, and have fewer opportunities of calling attention to their grievances, which are only too honest, than their more favourably-situated brethren. The clerical staff, recruited as it must be in the Colony, is seldom considered by the high officials of the Government, who, only too often, are content to introduce schemes for their own aggrandisement and the replenishment o private : purses than to alleviate the distress in which their weaker brethren placed by reason of the Govern ment's parsimony and their own apathy. However, the Ceylon scheme had not "rushed through" when the mai left, and, from the remarks made at the , meeting, it was evident that some of the unofficial members had very unofficial views on the subject, and doubtless they will give expression to their opinions when the proper time comes. It is sad to reflect that the underlings in the Government service in Ceylon as well as in Hongkong and other places receive little or no consideration On the 5th instant, at the Government Civil from the powers that be, and even if they Hospital, HERBERT ROSE, late of Messrs, agitate the result is an increase for their Samuel, Samuel & Co., Taipeh. Deeply re- superiors. " Man's inhumanity to man was never better illustrated than by these Irish methods of granting an increase in the salaries of the junior staff of the public

TRADE EXCLUSION

(and January.)

with the boycott against Americans and men, perished in a day. Some murmurings American goods in China seems to be the be- were heard but the examinations died and the report is supposed to reach the 29th lief of the New York press that the invasion only a few groans survived. It is doubtful of China by Japan is now a very widespread | if in any other country such a radical change | graph, reference is made to the boycott. The movement which has already seriously affect- could have been made without causing The agitation in Ceylon for an increase in ed export business across the Pacific from serious trouble. Yet this change was made the salaries of the Government officials seems | the United States. Reports of some of the | in the land that changes not, But this to have resulted in the usual way. Under American Consular officials have clearly change did not come with a demand for it. the cloak of elevating the position of the pointed to the fact that the Japanese are The mad rush after everything Western in junior members of the staff, the Government | making energetic efforts to secure China and | the educational line gave the opportunity for Manchuria for a trade territory, to the ex- the change. And ever since the edict went salaries of the higher paid officials and left clusion of not only America but European forth abolishing the triennial examinations, the rank and file practically in the same nations. At the present time Japan has a there has been a fever of anxiety as to what place they occupied previously. The result large number of sea-going merchant: vessels, would take their place. The students were of the voting on the scheme introduced by the latest return giving the total displacethe Gove iment has not yet been learned, ment of the registered ships at 1,300,000 but in his opening speech the Lieut.-Gover- tons in round numbers to which will be addnor outlined the general principles of his ed the captured vessels which still remain proposal. Much space is devoted to an ex- unregistered, and according to the Asahi's planation of the scheme as it affects the view, when all are found, the increase during After the order abolishing the old there went; ment of China." But all this is simply in well-to-do officials, but beyond "sympathy the last eighteen months in the number of and consideration" the junior service, re- ships flying the Japanese flag must be becruited in the Colony, get little or nothing. tween 30 and 40 per cent. Lines of steam-These juniors were specially commended by ers have been already established to ply to establish the new schools. Of course, along the coast of China and Manchuria, this gives an opportunity to all kinds of adthe scheme as highly deserving, but the ex- and to connect the Island Empire with the venturers. Any man with a smattering of tent to which the Government is prepared to great river ports in the interior, while the the new methods poses as a qualified team steamship service between Eastern Asia and cher and demands a large salary. Hundreds New posts are created carrying higher salaries, the placing of Japanese freight and passenger students in abundance. But the Bureau of troops engaged in the recent war will, to a studies taught. A curriculum has been pubare put off until more consideration has been large extent, be finished, and there will lished and only schools conforming to this cur- an opportunity of peaceful development, given to their case. The argument in favour follow the disengagement of the requisition riculum will be regarded as orthodox schools of assisting the higher officials is most plauded ships. The privilege of coast traffic now and be in the line for Government honours. of assisting the higher officials is most plausible. In Coylon the salaries are lower than
enjoyed by foreign vessels will then be withthose naid in the Rederated Males State. those paid in the Federated Malay States drawn; but the business thus relinquished cognised by the Bureau of Education and of trade-marks registration, currency reform, by them will by no means be large enough placed on the list of schools has only to to find employment for all the released ships, send a petition to the inspector of schools topics. On the whole the report is optimis-Ceylon, No doubt such is the case, and there will inevitably follow a slump in and the request will be grapted. This implies the in character, and without that bias which

was quite clearly in bad taste, to say goods are going into the country from the offering the same privilege to the mission nothing of being a lapse of discretion. The islands, and whereas until recently Hong. schools of the Kingdom, It almost follows poorer-paid members of the service are quite kong and Shanghai were undoubtedly, the natter of course that mission schools as worthy of consideration as the big salaried principal importing centres from which goods will be obliged to teach all the subjects reofficials, who, as often as not, do but half were sent to the mainland, Japan has now quired for Government achools in order to the work that falls to the lot of the drudge, regular lines of vessels to many of the lead get students. Most of the pupils who and pocket all the plums. When the dollar ing cities on the coast and the waterways of enter schools where Western subjects and bent on making energetic efforts to secure of entering Government service in some way a trade exclusion, apart from the boycott | all positions offered by the Chinese Governmovement, may not be altogether without ment. But here as in India the mission foundation.

WIDOWS & ORPHANS FUND.

(4th January.) On several occasions we have had the necessity of referring to the working of the pension fund which has been instituted in the Colony as in other Crown Colonies. Everybody knows that Government servants should be treated-irrespective of claim or character—fairly, but it fortunately happens that what we may call a new regime has come into existence. Singapore, which has advanced by leaps and bounds since she received a new Governor, has received a Bill which should receive favour in Hongkong. It is a Bill to ameliorate the condition of the Government proletariat. The Bill, which has been brought in states that "This Bill is brought forward to abolish the apparent anomaly by which orphans on the death of their mother get between them a less amount than the whole of the widow's pension when she dies. This has been the rule hitherto, but it is not easy to see any sound reason for it, and it must be productive of distress in some cases. The present Bill gives the children, the full pension of the widow to be divided equally between them, and makes provision on the same principle for the case where there is a widow and also children of a former marriage, and the case where there are more than one family of children entitled to pension." Although the Bill calls it an "apparent anomaly ", the grievance is very severely felt by those in the Government service Hongkong and the question, "after being threshed out in the southern Colony should come before the Hongkong legislature. The claims are undoubtedly great in their favour, and we have urged them repeatedly. Now that the Straits Government has seen fit to bring in a Bill which provides for the orphans as well as the widows-out of the magnificent sum which has accumulatedthere will be great rejoicing in many homes. After the lead given by the Straits, we may confidently expect that Hongkong will follow suit. It is an important question, which affects a large number of people, and it is to be hoped that the whole matter will be remedied by legislation.

CONSERVATIVE CHINA:

(5th January.)

We have long regarded China as so satisfied with her past that any change for the better must come very slowly. And in this as in many other things we have been mistaken. Within the last few months some of the most radical changes have been introduced into China. One of her most cherished institutions has been swept away by the touch of the vermilion pencil. The triennial examinations, which have stood the test of A prominent feature of late in connection | ages and were the hope of so many young not left long in doubt. It was soon made | be deemed a result of the movement. We known that students trained along the new lines would receive honours equivalent to the successful candidates at the old examinations, provided they came up to a certain standard. forth an order to establish the new. And new orders have gone forth to almost every! concerned, unless very indirectly, in the village in the Kwangtung province at least, Japan has been considerably increased by of schools are being opened and there are vessels on additional routes. During the Education is seeking to direct the movecoming summer the work of transporting the ment and have some kind of uniformity in the

China. To all appearances the Japanese are linglish are taught do so with the intention as much of the Chinese Empire for a trade of other. These boys will not be likely to territory as possible, and American fears of temain in schools where they are cut off from schools will be allowed to teach as many more subjects as they wish. In India this is done and yet the mission schools of India hold a high place among the schools of India. There is no good reason why the mission schools of China should not adopt a like course. The Bureau has done a very pidiseworthy thing in recognizing the work of the mission schools and it would be only right that these should help in every possible. way to advance the new learning in China. the past nearly all the teaching of Westem studies has been done by the mission schools and there is no reason why they should not still remain at the front. At first there may be some difficulty in making things work smoothly, but time and patience wil remove all friction.

AMBRICA ON CHINA

Numerous subjects are dealt with by the Executive Committee of the American Association of China, but, probably, the two most important questions considered are those which relate to American railway enterprite in China and the boycott. It is recognised that the completion of the Peking-Hankow rallway is a "notable event," and the construction of the first section of the Shanghai-Nanking railway is also allowed to be a step in advance ; but little is said about the Canton-Kowloon line, or the Canton-Hankow railway, which have bulked so large in the minds of people in Hongkong. All we are told regarding the latter line is that "this syndicate, known as the American-China Development, Co., released to China all its rights, for a suitable consideration, and the line is now proposed to be built under Chinese auspices, with the aid of a loan contracted largely through British channels. Thus a scheme, much vaunted as an American enterprise in China, has disappeared from the field." Of course, this bald statement does not by any means express the full or actual facts; but it gives in a condensed form the real position. Another taragraph again refers to the anxiety of the Chinese to retain the control of the Chinese within their own jurisdiction. It is rather to be regretted that no comments have been made on this subject, for while we have had a great amount of German and Belgian criticism on the point, American as well as British remarks have been mostly confined to desultory references to the difficulties imposed by the Chinese in the way of railway development. Nobody knows better than the people of Hongkong how earnestly the construction of the Canton-Hankow railway has interested those involved in Chinese affairs, how many men have

been living in hopes that the construction would be carried out by an American or Anglo-American syndicate; but not a word of this appears in the report of an Association which should be particularly wellinformed on the point. Nothing is said about the Canton-Kowloon line, although of Pecember. In a curiously-worded parareport says: "The boycott movement has developed since the date of our first cable message to an extent which fully justified the Committee's solicitude. It has become complicated with other movements so as to be no longer a matter for settlement merely between America and China." As a matter of fact there has been no real complication, at least in so far as South China is concernl'ed, unless, of course, the Lien-chau traged entirely agree with the sentiment that : "The situation is one which requires the utmost wisdom, prudence, and self-restraint, and particularly so on the part of the Govern matter for America and no other country is hostilility manifested towards the New World, its people and its products. general statement is made with regard to the Anglo-Japanese alliance and a definite and pleasing conclusion arrived at. The integrit of China is assured, we are told, and !! The welding of the former limited alliance England and Japan into a positive alliance for defence and for the maintenance of the status quo in Bastern and Southern Asia seems to afford to China and the Bar East thools, such as has not been known since China the Chinese Commission and various other

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH SERVICE. THE SHANGHAL AFFAIR.

ELEGRAMS

BRITISH GUARDS REDUCED.

[From Our Olon Correspondent.] Shanghai, 3rd January,

The authorities have now reduced he guards, leaving only the men belonging to H.M.S. Andromeda to guard the settlement.

THE COMMISSIONERS

LEAVING FUR JAPAN.

[From Unr Ozon Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 3rd January 2.25 p.m.

The Chinese Commissioners are leaving for Japan on bunday, the 7th inst.

FORCING TRADE.

RUSSIANS IN MANCHURIA AND MONGOLIA.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 3rd January,

It is reported in Peking that the Russians are endeavouring to carry out enterprises in Manchuria and Mongolia by means of force.

FIRE ON THE "BRISGAVIA

AT YOKOHAMA.

TWO HATCHES BURNT OUT. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 5th Jan., 1906,

The Hamburg-Amerika Linie s.s. Brisqueia was fired by a burning lighter at Yokohama yesterday.

Two of her hatches were burns

PRINCE KUJO DEAD.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 5th Jan., 1906,

12.25 p.m. Prince Kujo is dead.

[On inquiry at the Japanese Consulate, our representative was kindly informed by Mr. N. Nome that the veteran Prince was a notable figure in the royal circles of Japan. He was the father of the Crown Princess, and was close on eighty years of age, Prince Kujo played no part in the political history of the country, -Rd, H.K.T.]

> THE TELEPHONE CABLE. ALLEGATIONS AGAINST B. S. "RUBL"

In Summary Jurisdiction this morning, before. His Honour, Mr. A. G. Wise, Pulsus Rudt might have gone to any other safe an-Judge, the China and Japan Electric and chorage, and went to Kowloon Bay, it could elephone Company, Ld., sued the China and not be said that there was any negligence on Manila Steamship Company, Ld., for the re- the part of the Rubl. The plaintiffs wish to say covery of the sum of \$1,000, being the amount that it was negligent of the Rubi to drop her of damages sustained by the plaintiff company anchor at all at that time. Assuming that the by the breaking of their submarine cable in the damage to the cable was done by the Rubs. harbour, by the defendant company's s.s. Rubi. | anchor, it was not negligent on her part to drop

Hough, and C. H. Grace. usual custom in the harbour under such conditions, as soon as the vessels riding at anchor or moored to buoys saw the signals they made for sale anchorages, behind Stonecutters Island, and other places. Notwithstanding the cannot say anything more, now.

dropped her anchor in what is known at the Reserved area," through which the cables of the plaintiff company pass, and laythere uptil the weather abated, and the barometer began to ise when she hove up ber anchor again t proceed back to her buoy. It was then found that the anchor had booked one of the plaintiff company's cables (which it brought up and that cable was sither broken or cut; and ilreed from the anchor. The breakage was discovered by the plaintiff company later in the day and proved to be about one third of the langth from its southern end, and within the Reserved area. The Rubis fault, be said lay in two points in seeking safety sec late, remaining in ner position so long after the other vessels had gone to safe shelters, and that having to move at last the did so with only one boller in use without obtaining the aid of a steam tug. having regard to the fact that that was the height of the typhoon season.

Counsel then called evidence for the plaintiff. Mr. W. L. Carter, manager of the China and Japan Electric and Telephone Company, gave evidence as to the discovery, of the breakage, and produced some of the strands to show the strain on them, and testificate to the actual cost of the repairs to the damaged cables, showing that the amount p. was considerably more than the amount now claimed. Mr. F. G. Figg, First Assistant, Hongkong Observatory, testified to the weather prevailing at the time of the occurrence of the breaking of the cable in question, saying that the wind

Mr. A. Webb, engineer of Messra McDonald and Co., stated that he would baly raise his anchor in a typhoon, with half his boilers laid up, under protest as he had often done, and entered the projects in the log books.

He had had 17 or 18 years' experience. Captain Christic said that he did not consider that in the condition of the Russ on the 20th August she should have gone to her buoy but to a safe anchorage, as she had no steam up, and it would have been prudent to call a tug and go to a safe anchorage. She took upon herself a great risk, the next day, in going to Kowloon Bay, without a tug. It was very imprudent, and she ought to have had herself towed inside Stonecutter's Island. Her proper course would have been to signal for the Robert Looks, the most powerful tug in the Colony. Against the wind at full speed, the Rubi ought to have made ten knots, Cross-examined by Mr. Pollock, witness said with one boiler disabled she would scarcely make more than three knotscertainly not anything like half speed, The case was adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. Pollock, in opening the case for them. defence, said that he submitted that there was: no case of negligence on the part of the Rublas officers to go before a jury. It was true that the Rubi did drop her anchor, but he would show under what circumstances she did soll Assuming that the Rubl did drop her auchor within the cable limits, and that as a result of dropping that anchor the cable was fill on, that did not prove any negligence. He wis not admit that she anchored so, but assumed that she did for the purpose of this action; but he would submit that the plaintiff Company had not proved such negligence. If damage were done by A runaway horse, or anything else moving over which control had been lost, that could not be attributed to negligence.

On the morning in question there were heavy

rain squalls accompanied by strong winds though the plaintiff company endeavoured to make as little as possible of that. The plaintiff company evidently saw the weak points in their case, for without referring to what should have been done on the morning in question they go back and suggest many things that should have been done the previous afternoon, the omission of which they attribute to negligence. If they go back to past possibilities they might go as far as a case he quoted, in which a learned judge held that, if the plaintiffs in a certain case of an accident to a horse went back and back, they would see that if the borse had never left the mews no accident would have occurred. He might say that if the anchor had never been dropped, if the cable, had not been there, or i the Rubi, had not been in the harbour no accident, would have happened. Because the Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., instructed by Mr. her anchor at that time considering the state of H. G. C. Bailey, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes the weather. The plaintiff, have to show that and Master, appeared for the plaintiff company, it was a wrongful mancauve on the part of the and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. | captain of the Rubl to drop her anchor when F. V. Deacon, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and she did, for it was the dropping of the anchor Deacon, appeared for the defendant company. that did or caused the damage. It has builted The following special jury were impannelled: that the plaintiff had not shown what was the Messrs, Lawrence, Gibbs (foreman), T. F. crucial poin in this case, whether it was unreasonable or negligent on the part of the Rubi Mr. Sharp, in opening the case, said that having due regard to the condition; of the the actual amount of damages sustained by the lelements, to drop her anchor, when she did plaintiff company was \$1,038.34; but they had and that they should have shown that given up \$38.14 in order to bring the claim obvious that the captain, intending to go to within the jurisdiction of this Court Mr. Sharp | Kowloon Bay, would not have dropped ber said that on the 28 b August last the s.s. anchor elsewhere unless she had good and Rubl was lying off the Kowloon Dock, and as sufficient reasons for so doing, and he would she was under repairs, her boilers were empty, submit that there was no case to go to the and of course she had no sleam up. The jury and he would ask His Honour to dismiss. typhoon signals, were hoisted, and, as is the the suit with costs against the plaintiff com-His Honour ! I am of opinion that there is a case to go to the jury, and I cannot take the case from them and the case must proceed. conditions of the weather the Rubi sent for the WMr. Pollock Ouite to, My Lord Wybat Robert Cooke, the most powerful sug of the your Lordship holds, I take it, is that if your Dock Company, and had berself towed, not to Lordship were sitting as a jury you would with it a safe achorage, but to her buoy opposite the Hongkong! Club. The barometer continued to fall, and the black drum was holuted and at 10 p.m. the typhoon gun was fired. The wind rose steadily, and other ressels continued to move to safe anchorages, and yet the Rabi, with empty boiler and no steam up, the Rabi, with empty boiler and no steam up,

Rudi to take fright at the first sign and run to shelter i The captain of the Rues dropped his anchor, as the most prudent thing to do, without pausing to consider any submarine cables. seeing the responsibility he had on his shoulders in the charge of his vessel. The plaintiffs seemed to think their cable of more importance than the safety of the Rubi and all aboard her. Another point was that two or three steamers went across the harbour to Kowloon. Bay two hours of ar the Rubl left her moorings, so that it could not be said that the Rubl was so very late in leaving. After hearing the evidence for the defence the jury would have to decide whether there was negligence in the dropping of the auchor, and whether the anchor was dropped inside the reserve aron. Evidence was adduced, and the case adjourn-

His Honour said he wished to re-question the captain of the Rubi, and the chief officer. who was in Count was requested to go on board and call him?

ad till to-morrow afternoon at a o'clock.

Mr. John Hill said he had been Chief Enincer of the Rubi since 1901, and had held a Chief "Engineer's certificate since 1900. He way on-blatd the Rubi at the time of the occurrence leading to this suit. He was also on the Rubi last, year when she went to Manila and back with only one boiler in use. They could always travel on one boiler, and in smooth water could get up ten knots, and with two boilers about 12%. He could produce cards of record to prove those statements. When the Rubl. we t over to Manila she went at more than half speed at the time they left the buoy on the 30th August, they had 157 lbs. steam, the maximum being :80 lbs. There was also steam on the donkey boiler to work the

guxiliary machinery. Cross-examined by Mr. Sharp, witness said he made up the log, produced, at noon each day. It generally takes 12 hours to get up steam : on this occasion it took 9 or 10 hours to get: 175 lbs of steam.' When they went to Manila under one boiler it was to find out the difference beiween one boiler and two, as an experiment. He could not say whether the insurance companies were aware of that experiment. The use of the donkey-boiler at sea relieves the pressure on the main boiler to the extent of to per cent. Mr. Sharp: Here is an entry in the log "3.30 p.m orders to raise steam for typhoon," and that has been corrected by a line through the words and an interlineation, Why was that crased? Witness: was a mistake.

His Honour: A mistake? Did you dream it? 'Who told you to enter that order?' Witness: No one told me. I cannot

explain why those alterations were made. His Honour: Have you ever heard of a chief engineer altering his log to make it fit in with times in the chief officer's log? Do you think it is your duty to alter a log in that

Witness: When it is a mistake. His Honour: But surely there should be

no mistakes in a book that may be used as evidence?--No! His Honour: I am inclined to think you

were never below-now, were you? Witness: I was down below a good deal of His Honour: Yes, Yes, I know all about

that : were you below between 12 and 12.30' Witness: I could not say the actual time.

don't do the actual work myself, I go up and down and supervise the work. To Mr. Pollock: I don't know what time took my tiffic that day: I had to take it as

I could get it. I have no regular watch. The entries in the log are made from the engineer's entries on a state below, as the orders were given. All the entries on the slate are not entered in the log, as it is not necessary.

Captain Notley, re-called, in reply to questions from His Honour, as to the distance from where he lay to the nearest point on the mainland at the time of the squall which caused him to drop his anchor, said it was about-1,300 yards.

His Honour: Then your head was N.E. and the storm came from the N.E.; now that squall had to come over 1,300 yards of water (f of a mile): did you not see it until it was upon you? Did you not see the black storm cloud?

Witness: I did not see anything at all. Mr. McDonald said he was Dock Marine Surveyor and had been Government Marine Surveyor for over three years. He knew several steamers with one main boiler. steamer with two boilers, like the Rubl, ought to be able to do, approximately, to knots, and, with two boilers, 121 knots,

His Honour: Well, we know she is a 13 knot boat. Witness, continuing, said the vessel with one boiler in use would be considered perfectly seaworthy. He remembered the 30th August it would not be a rash or perilous thing, in his opinion, for the Rubi to leave her mooring and

cross to Kowloon Bay. This concluded the evidence for the defence. Mr. Pollock then addressing the jury briefly reviewed the facts as adduced in the evidence, and said there were only two points for the jury to consider-whether it was negligent, risky or imprudent, of the Rubl to leave her moorings day in question, and whether it was negligent of the Rubi to drop her anchor where she did. | LEKS. having regard to the weather conditions then prevailing. He contended that it did not matter whether the anchor was dropped inside the reserved area or outside—the point was that it was necessary for the Rubi to drop her anchor wherever she was at the moment when the squall struck her, and he asked the jury to say there was no negligence on the part of the Rubi, and therefore on that account the plain-

tiffs were not entitled to damages.

Mr. Sharp then, in reply, addressed the it was admitted and said that the anchor was dropped within the Reserved. Area, and the damage to the cable was caused by that anchor. Mr. Sharp then briefly reviewed his cyldence, and said that the point was that good seamanship required that ships should take every precaution to prevent any accident to herself or other vessels, and to avoid loss of property. steamer might wait until the heart of a typhoon burst on her knocked her about and into other vessels damaging them as well as herself, and then turn round, and say "You can't blame me : it was an act of God. I am not respon-But that aretiment will not hold good, as such vessel would cartainly be responalbic, as the ought holito have been there, and ought to have taken all possible precaution, to place herself where she would not be a danger to herself or the other vessels near.

In the case of the China and Japan Tele. Dickson. Another big black; closely shorn sold bim.

phone and Electric Company versus the China from ankles to knees. This animal will require Mr. Babington's popy also was cantered half. (a.) Rate-payers who are included in the Manila Steamship Company for the recovery some hard work to bring him up to racing a mile and allowed to move the last 100 y rds. special and common jury lists for the year 1905. by the defendant company's s.s. Rubl's anchor. Pony No. 48. Drawn for Mr. D. Dorabjes, splendid at le of going to the plaintiff company's submarine cable, A nice grey pony; good looking; possessing the jury last night, at 5.15 o'clock, by a majority.

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In the lection will be conducted in accordance of the 12th, 13th and Off Day in 17th Pabriary instead of March 1, 2 and 3 with the rules contained in schedule G to the 22hd instant 3 p.m., the Land

TURA TORICS.

in view of the fact that the races will in all probability be held a fortnight earlier than was at first anticipated trainers thought it advisable this morning to give most of their charges a bit There was a good attendance on the course

Measrs. J. A. Jupp, H. P. White, T. F. Houghand the usual locks. The morning was a bit chilly, thick mists enveloped the track and the course was very heavy. It was lucky, however, that the rain that was threatening held up until after the

among whom I policed Sir Paul Chater.

This was the first gallop most of the subscriptions griffin have had since their arrival, and considering the state of the course they were taken slowly.

"Among the subs were some very nice movers; notably Mr. White's small iron-grey with the "Roman nose;" Mr. T. H. Rose's nutmeg grey; Mr. Bolles, which latter pony shows a remendous amount of quality; Mr. Macdonald's two, "including the Sportsman," also moved

in good style for three-quarters of a mile. Mr. Kadoorie has a very taking iron-grey sub, which was also sent three-quarters of a mile, which he accomplished in smin. 55sec.

last quarter 35sec. Black, Cherry also, went, the same distance. finishing very strongly in the dirt. He is a very lazy pony in training, especially when galloping by himself, but when sent out with others is quite keen:

Copper King did his usual mile and a half n his usual taking style. Banzai, I regret to hear, is under a cloud,

but I trust it will have a silver lining. Highland Man and Mr. Hough's blue dunderby griffin I have not seen on the course Intely. They are probably in physic.

The dankey-tailed pony is so far one of the nicest looking. He shows lots of quality and s a gay mover. --Mr. Newall's sub is a very free mover but is, I fancy, a little too short for racing.

Mr. Mitchell has one of the most powerfullooking ponies, with wonderful quarters and loin, and is in addition a great boned pony. Hon. Mr. R. Shewan's dunis another promising pony. He is a very fine shaped lun, and I fancy when asked the question; will be

able to respond. Mr. Babington's is a very racing-looking pony; the only drawback to him is that he has been through the mill in Shanghai, and at present is fit to run next week. I doubt whether he can be much improved upon.

The fast time ponies as a rule are very disappointings Mr. C. P. Chater's iron grey rattled off his quarter in the best style this morning, and in addition to his other good points, has a power-

ful quarter, and a long raking stride. I hear that the last batch of ponies from Shanghai; numbering about twenty-one, is due here to morrow morning by the s.s. Chey Sang

THE LAST BATCH OF GRIFFINE.

and inst. As was anticipated by our sporting contributor The Riding Boy," in our issue of last Saturday, 21 China ponies arrived, and were landed here on Sunday forenoon, by the Indo-China Steam Navigation steamer Choy Sang. Eighteen of these animals are consigned to the Jockey Club, while the three others, two Derby griffins and "Lucky Chief," are for Mr. Ellis

The Choy Song encountered a very wet passage down this trip but the ponies behaved well, there being one or two frisky ones aboard all the same. . The animals were all quartered on the fore part of the vessel, sixteen being boxed on the starboard side and the remainder on the

All the ponies but one were landed very quietly, and that one created some trouble when hoisted. On being landed on to the wharf, in trying to spring out of the box, he got. his right fore foot up on the door and with his hind legs inshed out wildly at the back of the

After the ponies were landed and were being "paraded" before marching to the Horse Repository it was observed that one of the ponies was unable to walk. This animal turned out to be one of Mr. Kadoorie's Derby griffing. At first it gave one the impression of a broken leg, but on examination it was ascertained to be a crimp. Stimulants were procured and after a good rubbing down, the pony was able to undertake the journey to the stables.

THE DRAWING.

On New Year's Day, in the compound of the Horse Repository, at Causeway Bay, the drawing was held. On the previous afternoon there was quite a large gathering at the Stables presumably waiting for the drawing. We give below a description of the ponies together with

the names of their drawers :-Pony No. 35. Drawn for H.E. the Governor. A nice looking grey and from appearances a

Pony No. 37. Drawn for Mr. Geo. Potts. A pretty, though heavy looking, grey. A bigbaned one, and resembles " Polka about the Pony No. 38. Drawn for Mr. H. N. Mody.

A very handsome bay pony. Probably the Pony No. 39. Drawn for Mr. E. Goeig. A dun; big boned and a heavy looking one, with

plenty of "belly," Pony No. 40. Drawn for Capt. Arbuthnot Loslie, A.D.C. A good looking dun pony, presenting good hind quarters. Pony No. 41. Drawn for Mr. D. Macdonald.

A big and strong looking black, possessing a Pony No. 42. Drawn for H.E. the Governor. A natty looking grey un, with a swollen face, nothing within six seconds of this time; looking like a rhinoceros.

Pony No. 43. Drawn for Mr. H. N. Mody. possessing good hind quarter. Another black pony. There are quite a few

heavy looking. Pony No. 46. 1) rawn for Mr. J. R. M. He covered a mile in 2 min. 23 sec. Alladin Drdinance, 1923, (No. 23 of 1903), an election Smith. A quiet looking grey pony, apparently who went with him being beaten off, and pulled by the rate payers of two, members to the possessing good qualities.

Another heavy looking black, in the Pony No. 47. Drawn for Hon, Mr. C. W. Kadoorie-lamenting the fact, that he had! The following persons will be entitled to vote

Popy No. 50. Drawn for Mr. Hi N. Mody, hustled along for all they are worth when for or

PORY NO. THE DEATH for Mr. W. A. Coules shank. A big woolley tooking and heavy gray pony; big boned and a good head. CRINOQ OF PONIES.

nterested a list, showing the sallorment of the subscription galliness. H. B. the Governor. Mr. H. N. Mody Mr. G. H. Potts Capt. A. Leslie, A.D.C. Hon. Mr. R. Shewan Mr. J. R. Mr. Smithin morning 2 W. A. Cruickahank...... 2 Hon, Mr. C. W. Dickson R. Goeth Jenning unter inter 21/1

Capt, Smith, A.D.C. Mr. A. Heimer J. A. Juppinguren der interes Dr. J. P. Jordan Mr. T. S. Forrest ... G. C. Mackie B.A. Griffininananinina i fici A. C. Hynes. E. W. Mitchelle Mr. L. W. Bollas. Ellis Kadoorie..... Flynn...... A. Habington " Craig Comments of the Comment

ARRIVAL OF "CRACKS"

Newall

T. F. Hough.

.. G. Mokon.....

When it was learnt that only fifty two subscription griffins were subscribed for this year people—other than the so-called sportsmenmurmured something about the poor race meeting that was to come, the tightness of money and last, but not the least, that the Colony lacked the sporting enthusiasts that kept the track lively in years gone by...

Speaking to a "sport" one afternoon, about week ago on this subject, he candidly informed our representative that the sporting community looked forward with great keenness to the forthcoming race meeting. He, however, training. mentioned that there are "budding" sports who subscribed for a griffin one year and because the animal is not placed or carry off a race do not subscribe the following year, .

This morning the Indo-China steamer Hand her wharf at: West Point. Seventeen racing ponies, all for private owners, were quartered on the after part of the ship. Following were the arrivals :-

A skewbald Derby griffin, which, according to open gossip, has cost quite, a little fortune, is consigned to Mr. W. A. Cruickshank. Diamond King, a grey pony, for Jardine's. The well-known ponies Alaska and Norman

King, and four Derby griffins, for Mr. Geo. Mr. H. N. Mody has four Dorby griffins and the old Hongkong ponies, Coronet Rose, La

France Rose, Marchal Niel Rose, The Peacemaker, and Sunbeam. We hear on good authority that the veterant jockey. " Chuck" Burkill, will be bernafter the, Chinese New Year to take, part in the race

meeting for Geo. Polts' stable. The well-known Chinese horse dealer, Achow, of Shanghai, arrived by the Hang' Sang, being in charge of some of the ponies, He is an authority, on China ponies and each year travels up to the breeding camp in Mongolia to select ponies for the races.

It was my privilege last evening to see some of the newly-arrived griffins with their blankets off in the compound of the Horse Repository. paid special attention to Mr. Geo. Potts' string of animals, which have been specially selected by the well-known dealer Achow and which are the pick of fifty-four animals,

A very striking pony, not only because of his colour, but on account of his confirmation, is the one with brown cheeks, a white nose, walleyes and a pure white body, with a few brown hairs in his tail. He is well-ribbed up, has a grand sloping shoulder powerful quarters and a strong loin. In addition, he is a compact wellcoupled pony and one that, to "knowers" of the China pony represents perfection.

A light-coloured grey too is a marvellously shaped pony. He has rare galloping quarters, in fact, any of these four griffins might be said to represent what a high class good quality and racing looking China pony ought to look

One of the griffins has already been prepared for the autumn meeting and entered under Pony No. 36. Drawn for Mr. H. Rose. A | the name of Emerald King, but was considered dark chestnut; and a raw one at that, for on a little too much on the big side and therefore and attempt to proceed to Kowloon Bay on the being approached by a maloo gave a snort and did not start, and is still a griffin. He is a grand tried several times to offer the "boy" his hind looking pony and if he can be brought to the post, will, I think, render a good account of

Mr. Buxey's string, when I arrived at the Flores Repository, had already returned to their stables. I was there informed that they had only been walked for a few minutes just to allow the trainer, to inspect them after their voyage. Therefore I am, not in a position to

judge, not having seen the ponies. One of them, I believe, has done 2 min. was thrown over his head. His height is 47 seci in Shanghai for a mile and a quarter and Snowbill as a rule brings prefty "hot stuff."

At the race course yesterday morning a good many of the subscription griffins were powed the best gallop being done by Mr. C. P. Chater's sub, whose half-mile was rattled off in a min, 6 sec, list quarter 30; sec. In fact, there was

Mr. Mozon's "little rat" took: I min. II sec. over the same distance, last quarter 35 sec. A fine looking grey. Another heavy one, but | and Mr. Roso's grey sub ran away from Mr. in the current issue of the Gasette, it is Mitchell's and as they were both stopping to potified that, by command of His Excellency Pony No. 44. 'Drawn for Mr. E. A. Griffing nothing at the finish | did not take their last | the Governor, and pursuant to section 8 of The

> Bolles, sub, with the Molo Boy in the pigekin. The Public Health and Buildings Amendmentup's quarter of a mile from home

overheard his late owner-Mr. Rilis at 4 o'clock in the afternoon

of two to one returned a verdict in favour of Pony No. 49. Drawn for the plaintiffs and judgment with costs was entered Shewan. Another fine grey. Shows, signs of above named Ordinance will offer for sale, by auction at the make or break, and postesswill have to be a commence immediately after the Public Works Department, K, I. I. I. 171.

THE RACES. MORNING GALLOPS AT THE COURSE.

We give below for the information of those Saturday! 6th January. Once against the Race course is assuming that animated not to say festive appearance which asually distinguishes it immediately print to the Race meeting. Old sports are turning out in full force, and, what is better, ladier are gracing the preliminary canters.

Gold is no word for the raw atmosphere which exists at the Race-course of a morning The raw winds that blow across the course create a healthy appetite for the matutinal cup of coffee. It takes some courage to rise almost before daybreak, dress in comparative darkness, and forgot that there is such a thing as downy, bed. But there is theathought of the coffee counter at the course, and that makes matters earlor, it. Of course, the real "sport" would get out of

bed if a blizzard were blowing and Hongkong had been transported to the Arctic Circle rather than miss the training of the enimals. That is what makes these reunions so delights ful. A man is never half so approachable as when he turns up in the morning, clady in neglige fashion and free from business werries. See him at the coffee table, and then see him later in the day at his office intent on business. There is no tesemblance. And the best acquaintances are formed on the race track. There is a flavour in that early cup of steaming coffee that is never found elsewhere. . Out po ular and genial friend, Mr. J. Y. V

Vernon, who is better known by his racing soubriquet of "The President," turned up at the course this morning. He was given: sportsman's welcome, and bas, promised that he will attend regularly. The ladies deserve the highest encomiums

for appearing at the early morning canters, Most of them were, the wives of owners; and their presence gave a distinct charm to the proceedings. A keen sportswoman like a keen sportsman is always to he admired, and we all had the greatest pleasure in their attend Training is just commencing to be in earn-

est. It is not long now till the meeting takes place, and there is a good deal of hard work to be done to bring the ponies, up to the mark. To-day, the measuring of the ponies was begun. Judging from appearances, the meeting next month should prove as interesting, and perhaps more so, than a good many of its predecessors. A few stendy gallops were made, and the times are on the whole satis factory, especially at this early stage of the

Many expressions of sincere regret were evoked by the news of the sudden and sad ideath of Mr. Rose, who was the owner of two daubs, of a very promising character.

That staunch supporter of the turk Mr. E Sang arrived here and was moored alongside. W. Mitchell, has not yet made his appearance on the course, owing to an unfortunate accident to his hand. We all hope that he will not remain long absent from the morning assembly. Some of the times in the gallops this morning were worth noticing; and should prove of interest to those who care for sport. They are appended:

Hongkong Bank's black and chestnut sub. 4 m., 351, 1:11, 1.47.

Dorablee's blk. and Meler's Handsome, I m., 36,4115; 1154 2/5; 2.30. Hough's and Shewan's subs., i mile, 38, 1:10. H. Humphreys's sub., & mile, 37.3/5, 1,12, H.E. The Governor's white and dun I ma

37. L.16, t.5t. Killis Kadoorie's, 1 m., 40, 1,20, 2,00, 2,35; Moxon's sub., 4 m., 1.42. Mody's Black Cherry, 1 m, 1st. qr. (?), joined

hy Dr. Jordan's sub., 4m.; 37-2/5, 1.15, 1.48 3/5 Mr. Griffin's aub. and Banzai, 4 m., 39, 1.18 1.56 2/5. | Mikosch and Gresson's sub., 1m., 35,, 1.12

Alarm' and Highland Star (sub,), 11 m., steady canter, 40, 1,38; 2.18 2/5, 3.00, 3.44,

EARLY BIRD.

The ponies are greatly improving, and the style of some while on the "go" is like that | the Chin On firm of this City, in all \$6,500. of small horses, notably the donkey-tailed pony who moves well, and if he maintains his prosent form will probably shake things up on

TACO day. Alarm and Mr. Macdonald's white-star sub. went three quarters of a mile. They moved along casily and in good style. The last quarter was covered in 31 seconds. Mr. Newall's pony went a mile with The Schoolmaster (Grafton). They covered that distance in's min. 30'sec., last quarter 34 sec. Mikosch and Mr. Forrest's sub rattled off

mile in 2 min. 25 sec., last quarter 34 sec. Mr. Cruickshank's chestnut griffin went the fame distance and did it in 2 min. 381 sec., hi that quarter being 37 sec. The well-known pony Ca-Canny was also put to the test for three-quarters of a mile

which was covered in 2 min. 7 sec.; last quarter The next on the scene was Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's sub. A one-and-a-quarter mile distance was his test. His last three-quarters was done in 1 min. 52 sec., which it seems did

not: ntirely please his owner. Mr. H. Humphreys's rat tail pony was put to half a mile which was done in 1 min 12 sec. while Mr. Moxon's two griffins covered threequarters of a mile in a mine 43 sec.

Some minutes later, a few, ponies, were measured by Mr. White. Following are the measurements:-Mr. Dorabjee's Andromeda (No. 12) made quite a fust when approached, and a blanke

Mr. Babington's grey (No. 1) 12h, 3fin. Mr. Moxon's grey (No. 3) 12h. 3in,

Mr. Owen's Greyton 13h, fin, Mr. Craig's griffin 12h. 3 in.

Mr. Jupp's (No. 6) 13b. THE RIDING BOY,

SANITARY BOARD REPOTION

Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903 black ponies in this batch, and all of them are By far, the best gallop was put up by Mr. (No. 1 of 1903) as amended by rection 3 of Banitary Board will take place at the Gity Hall Pony No. 46. Drawn for H. B the Governor, Mr Christiani's sub ton moved very well and pn Monday, the 22nd of January, commencing

There is not the least doubt that he has a (d) Rate-payers who are exempted from

A' CHINAMAN was sent to three weeks' hard. A dark brown pony, with right ear clipped, well lean, sick or sorry, tired or freeh, and the many pallot-box will be closed by the Kowloon of It has an area of 19,034 square somipation and continue until 6 pim, when the situate on Austin Road and Austin Avenue.

AUAN THOSE CHIMESYN ANOTHER CLOCK TOWER OURSTION.

A correspondent writes -- Much has been

written of the Hongkong Clock Tower, and

is apparently useless to expect that the Govern-

ment will take any steps for any considerable time, if ever, to remove that obsession from its present-site. But might an appeal be made on behalf of hotel residents and those living on the lower levels to obtain a cossation of those terrible chimes during the night? Of course, I do not want to be unreasonable, and I quite admit that the chimes are necessary during the early nart of the evening, if any one is to know the time by this veteran of the public service. One of the clock dials is in darkness and the others. are so badly lighted that the inquirer is only lost in doubt when he gares on their shadowy faces. But who wants the chimes after, midnight and before six o'clock in the morning Not your humble; that is certain. Half the principal hotels in Hongkong are situated in the immediate vicinity of the Clock Tower, and it is a dream to hear how visitors refer to those clanging notes, which ring out just at the most inappropriate moment. When the weary waylarer has almost reached the arms of Mornheus-to use that classical reference which has so often done duty-out come the chimes at the critical moment, and the whole business of trying to "get off" has to be repeated. Nobody hears the bells of the Clock Tower during the day, but when the streets are clear, of shouting ricksha coolies and fighting chair-carriers the sound like the thunder of a dozen cannon fired off simultaneously. The only people undisturbed by the row are the Indian watchmen. But who could wish the slumbers of these virtuous and reposeful members of the community to be disturbed? Who expects that they would he awakened by anything, especially when doing Sometimes they sing in concert, like a Welsh. glee club, and then it is a question which is the more hideous, the so-called chimes or the horn it is to be feared that the Indian watchman will sleep through it all, and awaken to find himself in a worldless world, if the paradox be there, is a member of the genus home, who to the score. Final: Hecla 2; Alacrity 1; appreciates the wakeful concatenation of noise then he must be a rarity, to be labelled for exhibition at the City Museum, which is all too poor in such objects as attract the travelled visitor! The bells, in fine, when rung in the stillness of the night are intolerable; they are of little use at the best of times, none whatever

FIRE AT WAST POINT.

when all howest people should be sound asleep.

Another 'fire, the' origin of which at present shrouded in mystery, occurred on Sunday evening last. It appears that at about 6.10 p.m. on that day the alarm of fire was sounded, and the Fire Brigade turned out and r. paired to the scene, but there they found their services were scarcely required as the men from West Point Station, under Inspector Collett, had already got the fire fairly quelched The outbreak occurred in the tea and tobacco shop of Chun Chan Lan firm at No. 293 Queen's Road, West, breaking out in the first floor, which was stored with goods, This floor was considerably burned and also damaged with water, but the fire was kept from spreading, so that the other floors were not damaged, with the exception of the ground floor which was damaged by water only to the rest of the building standing intact. The cause: of the outbreak could not be ascertained, but the damage is estimated at \$2,500. The place was insured for \$6,000 with L'Urbaine Assurance Compagnie de Paris, and for \$500 with

Fan Chi Kok, a tallyman, for behaving in a disorderly manner, and interfering with the firemen at this fire was placed by Inspector Collett, this morning, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, when on proof of the charge, he was fined \$25. The fine was paid.

ANOTHER FIRE

The peace of the neighbourhood of No. Police Station was disturbed, and the slumbers of the inhabitants of that district rudely broken this morning, at about 3.35 o'clock, when the fire bell rang out the alarm that the fire-fiend was once again running amok in their vicinity. The Fire Brigade, under Chief Inspector Baker, lust no time in repairing to the locality indicated, when they found that a fire has broken out in the Kwong Man Foo, Chinese and Japanese store, at No. 7, Wing Sing Street of which Kwong Pok Shan was the master, The fire fighters quickly got to work, and soon had their hoses playing on the flames, which in the stillness of the morning had no chance to spread, and in half an hour had the fire in subjugation. No. 7 Wing Sing Street is a threestoreyed house; and the fire is at present believed to have broken out on the first floor, pro'ab'y through the bursting of a banging lamp, which the jokis suspend at the foot of the staircase leading to the floors above, as the staircase, was the most burned portion of that floor, but the actual origin remains, for the present, a matter of supposition. The upper floors were slightly damaged, chiefly by water, but the ground fibor remained intact, save only for the dripping through of the water. The amount of the damage could not be ascertained, though it was not expected to be very considerable. but the place was covered by insurance to the extent of \$13 000, divided as follows:

Royal Exchange Insurance Co. \$2,000 London and Lancabhire 32,000 Messrs, Butterfield and Swire, are, the local agents of the two first named. Companies, and Messra. Sassoon and Co. of the third.

CROWN LAND SALES.

LOT ON BOWEN ROAD.

A sale will take place at the Public Works Department on the 22nd instant, at s p.mi, of one, lot. of Crown, land, adjoining L. Le 1711, OH Bowen Road. The lot contains 5,000 square set, and will be sold subject to an aunual rent of \$34. The upset price is \$1,250. One of the conditions to be complled with by the purchaser, is that a som of \$15,000 must be spent on rateable improvements on the lot

A'CHIMANAN was sent in three weeks hard labour; and six hours' stocked by Mr. F. A. ribbed up.

Hardland on Wednesday, for shirtching a gold color charm from a gentlement's watch-chain in the good walker; good walker; good walker; good walker; good walker; good walker; good charm from for the good charm, on the same from for the month of the reterminant of the rates paid to be spent on sateshie Improved the rates paid the rates paid to be spent on sateshie Improved the rates paid the rates paid to be spent on sateshie Improved the rates paid to be spent on sateshie Improved the rates paid the rates paid the rates paid the rates paid to be spent on sateshie Improved the rates paid the rat

NEW TERRITORIES Land in the New Territories appears to be coming into favour, if Judged by the number of applications made to Government for allotments. On Monday next, at 3 p.m., seven lots of from 310 to 300 square feet will be put up to auction at the Ping Shan Police Station. The upset price is only \$4 per lot and the Crown rent attached to each is St per annum

ASSOCIATION ROOTBALL

There was a very small gathering of spectators present on the Hongkong, Football ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon when the terms representing the Club and H.M.S. Salleftice met in a friendly game. The Cinb played and very weak game their combination was faulty and their shooting, when in their opponents, goalmouth, erratic. They were no match forthe sailors, who ran out victorious by a score. ofitwo goals to one,

Benevit Football Match;

There was a very large attendance of one lookers around the lines on the Naval football ground yesterday to watch the game between the two leading teams in the Colony-H.M.S. Pladem and the West Kents-the latter the holders of last year's Football Shield and the former team the "invincible" of the Chinasi

The match, in aid of the Spidiers and Sallots Widows and Orphanage Fund. commenced. fast and excitement prevailed around the line. For a few minutes after the kick-off things were even, but it was seen that the soldiers had the upperhand and ten minutes later the West Kents sent in a shot that baffled Normani Headed by the champion Bell, the Diadem at once placed their opponents on the defensive giving the soldiers no quarter. Several corners. were conceded and at last the Diamer secured. their honest duty of guarding a godown ; the equaliser, amidst vociferous charing the the second half the Diadem proved themselves the stronger and from beginning to wend; were in the soldiers' territory. In this half they? Indian songsters. When Gabriel blows his scored two more goals, thus winning by three!

On the naval football ground at Happy Valallowed. But all this does not affect very ley yesterday afternoon a match; was played directly the ordinary resident, who has between H.M.S. Mecla and H.M.S. Alacrity. nerves, from being affected by the clamour In the first half both teams played a very even of the bells and the clatter of their most un- | game and were attacking alternately, in the musical cadences, Their existence might be second half the Hecla moved rapidly, and soon pardoned in the day time, but at night, and inetted the first goal which the Alacrity did not particularly after midnight, they are an absolute lose time to equalise. But the Hecla had the nisance, neither called-for nor pardonable. If best of the game, and another goal was added

> n the second round for the Soldiers Fnotball Club Challenge Shield the R. G. A. played H. W.S. Diadem, on the Military Football ground yesterday afternoon when a large gathering was in attendance. When the team from the flagship lined out on the field it was noticed that Le Page their right back, and one or two others were substitute ed. The leather was soon put in motion and the sailors commenced to press, but it was noticed in a moment when the Artillerymen made one or two breaksways that the Diaden's. defence was not what it used to beiff it must be said that Mr. Bell and his forwards played and excellent game, but the Fates were against themy for when the Artillerymen made their attack Norman, the flagship's goalle, trying, to throw, out the sphere, must have taken it between the sticks for the referee ruled a goal, although many of the lookers-on questioned his decision, Before half-time the soldlers had scored their

second goal to the Diadem's nil. The Hindem had the best of the second halfe. but notwithstanding their brilliant play and the tremendous shot Bell treated Patterson to, no scoring resulted. Again they tried, and Belly after a pass from Lawrence, sent the ball pasto. Patterson. It was a splendid; game, and the R.G. A.'s goalkeeper deserves great credit for the work he did in goal, Result ! R.G.A., 21 Diadem. 1.

CRICKET,

POLICE R. C. AT HOME.

and insti-

The members of the Police Recreation Club held an "at home" to their friends at: their club pavilion at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, when a cricket match-Islanda versus Mainland, was played; Following weres the scores :--Island .- Watt, b Kerr, 2, Winter, b Langley,

o, Shepherd, b Kerr, 25, McHardy, b Kerr, c. Kent, b Kerr, 6; Clyde b Langley, 8, McKay Counsell b Langley, 13, Hogg, c Cooper h Kerr, 2, Grant, b Kerr, 1, Warnock C Langley, b Kerr, 3, McLiman, b Langley, a, Robertson, b Kerr, 3. Robertson, Junior, not out 2. Extras:

Mainland,-Rdwards, b Shephord, 26, Pitt b McKay, o, Langley b McKay 4, Kerr, b Mc lardy, o. Foley, c Clyde, b McHardy, 1 Atlec, c Grant, b McHardy, r. Counsell, Lb.w. Shepherd, o, Cameron, b McHardy, o, Hutchloson, b Shepherd, r. Cooper, b McHardy, 5, Sullivan, b Shepherd; 7, Subo not cout; out Extras 9: Total 54:

PARSERS W. CRAINGENGOWER A TEAM This friendly match ended in a win for the Parsees by to runs, For the winners, Dr. Natiadaru, Pestonii, Batliwara, Kanga, Va sunia played well, and for the opponents Pair holm, Liammert, Mack and Stewart contributed double, figures. The bowlings bonours [fell; to Kanga, Pestonii and Fairholm, Scorest Parsess -S. B. Batliwars, balrying 13, J. I. Vasunia, b Fairbolm 27, W. Pestonii, b Vince. not: Fairholm, 88; D. N. P. Nalladarn, b Vin cenot 28. I. A. Chinoy, b Fairholm C. Mack & F. M. Bakti, b Vincenot 3, J. H. Begonli, b Fair holm c Asger t. F. J. Kangs, not out 14. Dr. K. Jamsbedj, b Fairbolm o Lammen, 3, B. A. Taraporewalls, b Fairholm 16. C. B. Mouse davals, run out 4. Extras, 1. Total 131. Craigengower 'A" team .- J. W. Stewart T Kanga 13, E. Irving, b Kanga 1, H. Raop, b Pestonii 27 M. E. Asgeri by Kanga, c. Vasunias. 2. I. Fairbolm; b. Pestonji 28. I. A. Roses hi Pestonii o. L. R. Lammert, b. Kanger L. Bi Rosa, b Kanga o, A. H. Asger, b Kanga o. Vincenot, b Pestoni, c Nalladarn I. A. Mack, not out 11. Extras, 8. Total 8

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THE MEETING OF THE YEARS. 1905-1900.

As December, 1905, draws to a close we are feeling, that we know the best and the worst of the old year and are already, with wonted gratitude, turning from him to his successor hoping, as we ever hope of new things, that 1006 ill do better for each of us than was the case with his predecessor. But during the last days of the dying year most newspaper writers are confronted by the task of turning over the old files and looking back a twelve month into the of the unexpected. And one has but to review before them with renewed energy, and demons- | in the New Territories, the Sugar Convention trating that they meant to do even more inthe new yearthan they had done in the old. Nogi was pressing the doomed fortress hard, and measures were being taken to reinforce Oyama felt obliged to strongly oppose the measure, until his army ultimately reached half a million of men. With the opening of the year that | The 1906 Budget was introduced in Sepis just closing came the news that Stoessel had tember, and in the course of his remarks sent a letter to Nogi asking terms for the sur- Lto hon, members H.E. the Governor made render of Port Arthur, and on the and January terms were concluded at a conference between of reforms and improvements. It was at aides of the opposing generals, with the result | this time, that we dealt with the question that the day following the Japanese took pass of sanitation, the Widow's and Orphan's session of the fortress, and a week later the Pension Fund, the new Peak, Tramway shattered garrison marched out of the captured and other burning questions of the hour citadel on its way to the Japanese prisons, and in several instances had the satisfac- herdess, Fuschs, Red Riding Hood, Fuschs Well we know what was happened since then, tion of seeing that the force of our remarks had The Japanese fleet has swept the seas, and the net escaped attention. Last month the meinmagnificent Russian warship, which, three bers of Council voted an additional sum of liams, "Nothing," Duffiy Dickson, Folly, months later, passed Singapare and entered \$50,000 towards the expenses incurred in the Jack Dickson, Scotch Boy, Mabel Dickson, the China Sea, are now sunk, disabled or survey and preliminary work in connection dispersed. Her armies have been beaten in every engagement, and man for man the railway, an enactment having been previously Japanese have proved themselves better soldiers than their foes. The Tsar realised that the game was up and all vainglorious talk of declaring peace at Tokio ceased when Japan ruled the waves in the Far East, The ensuing combat on land was of short duration, and ere long Roosevelt, the peace maker, stepped forward and war was stayed. But for there should soon be evidence that additional Russia the times are still evil and when we capital will flow to Hongkong in unprecedented look back on what has happened in the past year in the country of the Tran, one may well ask whether anything is impossible and good may not yet be brought out of the stormy days

through which the empire is now passing. Turning now to events more intimately associated with our own Colony the past year has provided much of interest to the inhabitants, spart from the exciting incidents brought, about by the war and the stirring times occasioned by the coming of the Baltic Fleet with the possibilities of an encounter in the immediate vicinity of Hongkong. Passing over a number of unfortunate occurrences that marred the opening days of the year we find His Excellent the Governor actively engaged in the many schools of the Colony, distributing prizes to the scholars, and urging upon the lads the value of education in all spheres of life. This same month found His Excellency giving an impetus to the newly-formed Volunteer, Reserve Association by attending at the range and taking part in the shooting. . Several times during the year he has been to Kowloon and attended the various shoots and in many ways has stimulated the movement which is now established on a sound footing and is providing much useful instruction as well as enjoyable recreation. The month of February was devoted to sport, the fixtures including boxing at Koyloon, Hongkong's first annual regatta, yachting, bowling, cricket, football and, of course, the ever-popular race meeting. In March we looked to the food supply, reports being circulated to the effect that the butchers had combined and agreed to raise the price of meat, although later in the year it was made abundantly clear that any increase in the rate was by no means so high as people had been led to suppose. .Lord Hawke; visited the Colony early in the month, and Dr. Atkinson was a passenger homeward bound on leave of absence, followed a month later by the Rev. W. J. Southam, Mr. Newman Mumford and many other well-known residents of the Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Arisugawa were welcomed to Hongkong during April en route to England and other countries of Eu-In May, Sir Francis T. Pigrott arrived and was duly commissioned as Chief Tustice in place of Sir W. M. Goodman resigned: About this time interest was again being shown in the stranding of the French cruiser Sully by reason of the launching of the cofferdam at Kowloon the details of which, together with a full account of the operations at the scene of the wreck, have already been fully dealt with us in various issues and also in a special supplement to this journal, About the same time we announced the postponement of the Praya East Reclamation scheme, and also discussed the acquisition by a new company of the existing line and new concession of the Hongkong High Level Tramways. On the ist fure the sailing ship Travancore went ashore off Fokoi Point, and a month later an inquiry into the cause of the stranding was opened at the Harbour Office. During this month it learned that the Chief Justice had been knighted and Mr A, Seth, Registrar of the Supreme Court, had been, honoured with the I.S.O. decoration. In August came the first news of earthquake shocks in Macao, and for weeks the Colony reported a repetition of these disturbances. Prince and Princess Arisugawa passed through the Colony on their return to Japan in August, followed a fortnight later by the Talt party and Miss Alice Roosevelt, in whose honour an enjoyable programme of festivities was arranged. Annual meetings shortly afterwards became the order of the day, and continued so to the end of October. Commodore Williams succeeded Commodore Dicken in August, and on the 1st of the month following Bishop Pozzoni was consecrated at the Roman Catholic Cathedral In succession to Bishop Piazzoli whose death was announced early in the present year. An Important announcement was made during the month, the report being circulated that the Hongkong Government had advanced a loan to China to redeem the Canton-Hankow railway concession, in connection with which it was generally understood that the building of the line from Kowloon to Canton would be greatly acceleratad. Following the murder of missionaries at Lien-chau on the 28th October, the boycott movement was more generally, discussed and it became apparent that the condition of affairs In South China was far from satisfactory. On the 12th ult, the death was appounced of Mr. E. R. Belillos, and a month later came the sad news that Capt. Smith of the s.s. Siberia had taken his life. Quite a number of important events were potified in our columns during the two weeks preceding Christmas and as they are so fresh,in the memory of our readers it will be

But any retrospect of a year's work, however brief and incomplete would be valueless without mention of the proceedings in Government

quite unnecessary to refer to them again.

during the twelve months. In this connection it may be of interest to note that the sittings of the Legislative Council have been unusually few in number. H.E. the Governor has explained that it is this desire to limit, if possible, the meetings to two short sessions in the year, and by this means not only will the call on the hon, member's time be lessened. but the government will guard against hasty the face of it, seems good, but which comparatively short trial often proves to be ineffectnal to attain lits object. The year's Budget, Luid before the members in September of 1904. was the record one up to that time. The esrecord of events, to contrist the present with | timates of revenue beat those fc 1904, by the past, and to reflect on the irony of des- liver half a million dollars, and aggregated the tiny as manifested in the frequent happening total of \$7,198, 611, although the actual revenue amounted to 6,809,047. That for the ensuing the history of the Far East since the Beginning | year is estimated at \$7,347,395 and is, of course, of the year to perceive a striking example in the highest so far in the annals of the Coluny. this respect. At this time twelve months ago In May a short session of the Council was opened Russia and Japan were at war, Port Arthur | in order to deal with certain financial business was still holding out, and the Russian army on | and to add a number of Ordinances' to the the Shaho was of enormous strength. The Statute Book. These latter included provision Japanese were bending themselves to the task for the registration and conveyance of land and the vagrancy question. In regard to the first of these there was an animated discussion in Council and in taking up the matter we which, however eventually passed into law. important announcements in the direction with the construction of the Kowloon-Canton introduced authorising the Governor to raise as occasion requires, sums not exceeding two million pounds in all for the purpose of defraying the cost of the line and for other railway purposes. His Excellency has expressed a desire to see this line constructed without delay, and when the work is actually accomplished volume as a direct result of the line. It will tend to a more 'e' ergetic development of China's vast natural resources and a more rapid extension of its transportation facilities, which in turn will eventually lead to still larger commercial relations with Great

> It only remains to repeat from the opening lines that we trust too will do even better for the Colony and for each of us than did 1905 'and hat our readers one and a'l will indeed have A: Prosperous New Year.

> > KOWLOON DOCK BALL.

AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION.

The large hall at the Kowloon Docks, known a the "marking off room," in which the shipwrights and builders usually put their heads together when the construction of some new vessel is on the tapis, presented a very unwonted, not to say frivolous, appearance fast night, when business solemnity wave place to merriment. It was the occasion of the Dock Company's annual ball, and after the business of the day had been concluded on Thursday the committee, consis ing of Messrs, T. Neave (chairman), W. Stewart (secretary), F. Lapsley (assistant secretary), W. Taylor (Treasurer) and Messis, Baxter, Davidson and Purves, took the half in hand, and in a marvellously short time had it transformed into an up-to-date hall-room, with the usual annexes of ladies and I invitation was given, to come and join in an gentlemen's cloak-rooms reception room, sup. | afternoon's programme of sports of all sorts and per-room and bar, the latter very properly stowed away in a snug corner, and provided with opening of the dances, and watching awhile the whirl of the trippers, the non-dancers soon appropriated to enjoy the delights of bridge and poker. The whole of the interior of this mmense building where the function took place presented a very seasonable appearance, as considerably more than the usual quantity of evergreens was displayed. The walls were hung with the flags of all nations, their touch to the scene, which generally was a very glaring coldura being softened to the eye by graceful festoons' of evergreens, with which also the ceiling was almost entirely hidden and from which numbers of handsome Chinese and Japanese lanterns hung nearly every race had to be run in heats. A Dept.), who was also in the Chair. Mr. Fre- now and that its adoption was undesirable. nothing. The same speaker referred to Singasuspended by small branches. Around the walls were displayed the arms of Scottish clans, by the committee, in order that the long prowhile in the centre of the long side wall flashed | gramme of 26 events, and the prize-giving, hues of electric lighted globes, bearing the the young visitors from Hongkong, was that initials of the Company "H. K. W. D. Co." the far end of the room on a dair, specially enabling a boys and a girls race to be run erected, was stationed the excellent Band of the simultaneously on parallel courses. right Baluchis, who, with the assistance of a piano and some stringed instruments, at the other end of the hall supplied the music for dancing. The Baluchis not having the music for the " Caledonians " and " Eightsome reel," the services of the stringed instrument players had to be requisitioned for these items. .The floor was in perfect condition for dancing, and had evidently received very close attention from the committee. The supper-room was most tastefully draped in line with the whole scheme of the decorations, and in this six long tables had been laid out and daintily spread with all sorts of seasonable good things such as the heart of man, and woman also for the matter of that, most loveth, and full justice was done to the caterer's forethought. The supper committee comprised Messrs. Baxter and Logan, while the adjoining bar was under the superintendence of Messrs. Logan and Purves, About one hundred and seventy-five | Edwards, 3, Lillie Neaves, 4. invitations in all had been issued, and as there room, once dancing was started, was very gay and animated. For the convenience of the Hongkong visitors, of whom there was a very large contingent, launches had been provided by the company, and these left Blake Pier and Queen's Statue Wharf at 7.45 p.m. and 8 p.m., respectively, the guests, on arrival at the other side of the water, being received by the Reception Committee, Messrs.

The following is the programme of dances:-Lancers, Waltz, Circassian Circle, Caledonians, Rightsome Reel, Barn Dance, Waltz, Lancers, Highland Schottische, Quadrille, Waltz, Caledonians, Barn Dance, Lancers, Walts, Rightsome Reel, Schottische, Lancere, Walts, Caledonians, Two-Step, and Lancers,

Neave and Baxter, who looked after the vi-

sitors in the way of introductions. Launches

also brought the Hongkongites home again

after the ball was over. Right merrily went

the dancing from 8.30 pm, up to a very small

hour of this morning, and it was a happy

if somewhat tired, party that finally, and even

reluctantly, quitted the hall after another most

enjoyable night's entertainment,

THE CHILDREN'S FANCY BALL.

In a previous issu we printed a short account of the children's fancy dress Ball given at Mountain Lodge, by Sir Francis and Lady -Piggott, and we now give a list of the children who were present, with some of the most striking costumes, which pressure on our space compelled us to hold over. In all there were legislation to meet some suggestion which, on seventy children present, and it is a curious fact that but few of the costumes were duplicated, Among the most striking were Master Gedge and little Miss Moxon, as a Plerrot and Pierrette respectively, Miss Bentinck in the curious representation of a lady's dressingtable attracted much attention. The little Paris , represented "Little Boy Blue," and "Baby Bunting." Master Ross appeared as "Adam" (after his exile from Eden), His sister made a very graceful " My Great Aunt." Master Badeley was a pretty "Folly," while Commodore Williams's little son made a handsome courtier of the time of George III. A very pretty figure was that of Mr. E. H. Sharp's little girl as "a yellow butterfly," while wee Miss Meadus as a pretty fairy with wings and bare feet was a very dainty figure, "An attractive " Nurse " was Mr. Mowatt's small

Following is a complete list:-Kathleen Moxon, Pierrette, Herbert Godge, Pierrot, Dana B. Taylor, Scotch boy, Ronald Parr, Little Boy Blue, Pat Parr, Baby Bunting, Mihara, Japanese school girle, Majorie Berkeley, Peasant, Marchant, Clown, Minami, Japanese boy. Minami, Japanese girl, Rebecca, Slade, White Rose, Slade, Red Rose, Wood ward, Red Riding Hood, A. Woodward, Puritan, Pat Ross, Adam, Sylvin Ross, "My Great Aunt," Kruger, Folly, Kruger, Sailor Joe Badeley, Folly, Nancy Badeley, Shep-Chinaman, J. Fuschs, Baker, Williams, Courtier of time of George III., J. Wil Shepherdess, Von der Hyde, Forget-me-not Bentinck, "Ladies' dressing-table" Bon-Linck, Clown, Aileen Hastings, Colleen Bawn, Roy Wise, Jockey, May Robinson, Folly, Jack Robertson, Knave of Hearts, Jean Robertson, Summer, Billy Pinckney, Folly, Francis Pinckney, " Polly put the Kettle on," Claude Davis, Hunteman, Gerald Slade, Archer, Maurice Slade, Archer, Archie Irving, Courtier, Rachel Irving, Sister of Mercy, Carl Hodgins, Folly, Mowatt, Hospital Nurse, Margery harp, Yellow Butterfly, Lawrence Kadoorie lockey, Horace Kadoorie, Cook, Brutton Fairy, Meadus, Fairy with bare feet, Sted-"Little Boy Blue," 'igel Stedman, "Little Lord Funtleroy," Reggie Jones, Cock, Cave Thomas, Gainsborough, Nora Swan, Plerrette, Leven, 20th Century, Balayorsky, Himself, Merchant and Boyd, 20th Century. After the dancing was over a performance of " Mrs. Jarvey's Waxworks" took place. This was organized by Major and Mrs. Painter, who stagemanaged behind the scenes, and which causedthuch amusement to all present.

The following re; resented the f Nursery Rhymes," so well known to all, Miss Berkeley and Captain Miller "Jack and lill," Miss A Berkeley, "Little Miss Muffet," Miss Noel "Old Mother Hubbard," Mrs. Pritchard, "Little Red Riding Hood," Miss Scwahe and Mr. Anderson, "My Pretty Maid," Miss Blair, "Little Bo Peep," Messrs, Ogle R.E., "Little Boy Blue," Murphy, "Little Jack Horner," pearman, "Knave of Hearts," and Graham (R.W.K.), "The Golliwog,"

SPOKTS AT KOWLOOK.

New Year's Day was a day which will be long remembered by the youngsters of this Colony, for to them it must have been indeed he red-letter day." The cause of it all was that the Kowloon Cricket Club had decided to break away from the beaten track, and instead of keeping their splended grounds for their own enjoyment of a cricket or bowling match, they threw them open for the amusement of all the children of the Colony, to whom an open compete in the various races arranged so carepicturesque appearance, being hung with buntgay and animated one. The superficial observer would scarce'y have believed that there were so many children in the Colony, for they At the ground was deided into two parts, thus

> THE RACES. Punctually at 2 p.m. the starter's bell soundbays, 12 to 14 which resulted as follows:-H. Matthaey, I. Albert Ellis, 2, Arthur Ellis, 3. J. Witchell. 4.

heat, Winnie Ward, 2, Flo Graham-3. Three-legged race for boys, open,

Witchell, 2, G. logan and H. Stewart, 3, D. on a dulcimer, by Mr. Addries. Then came of the law were remedied. Similar arrange. that the measure was wanted, any more than Wilner and A. Ellis, 4. , Nora Robiuson, 2, Winnie Ward, 3.

Stone, 4.

Arthur Ellis, 4.

binson, 3.

of noming pigeons by Mr. J. D. Logan. Reich 4.

son 2. M. Negyes 3.

Queenie Tatam 1, F. Schlamfelder 2, Lillie entitled "Mrs. Coodwoman's Dilemma" or an tory of the Bill nothing but undivided opinion what other people can do for themselves," Boys' 35 yards handicap; 6 to 8 years. J. Melsrs. Divers, W. J. Mow Hing, F. C. Mow be characterised unnecessary measure. (Apr. the merchants had best leave this Bill alone. Grimshaw I. Rennie Lammert 2, B. Logan 3, Fong and J. M. Wong, appeared as the land: plause). A. Purves 4.

Schamfalder I. M. Neaves 2, B. Kinross 3, L. formed. After this all the gentlemen and Skinner 4. Noronha, 4.

Girls agg and spoon race. Open. Phyllis. Lammert, J. Lillie McDonald, 2, Edith Mc-Cleliand, 3. Boys', lug-of-war. Open, Arthur Ellis, H. Matthacy, D. Noronha, H. Stewart, G. Stokes,

D. Purves, A. Kinross, G. Ewen, A. Ramsey, H. Reich, K. Robinson, C. Robinson, C. Messenger, and M. Henderson, (winning team). The leader of the fosing side made the mistake of doffing his shoes for this event thus could obtain no grip on the dry and allp-

Girls' threading the needle. Open. Phyllis Lammert, 1, B. Robinson, 2, D. Barrington, 3. Boys' 25 yards handicap ; 4 to 6 years, Ewen, I, T. Groves, 2, J. Kinross, 3, E. Davey,

Boys' sack race: 6 to 8 years, J. Ewen, Rennie Lammert, 2, H. Stapleton, 3, H Sutherland, and Roy Tatam, Head heat. Girls' 25 yards handicap ; 4 to 6 years,; G Ward I, R. Lambert 2, D. Tuxford 3, D. Capel 4.

Boys' 25 yards handicap | 4 to 6 years. C. to J. Ewing 2, G. Coggan 3, J Ramsey L. Girls 20 yards race; 4 years and under, Amy Jones, 1, B. Morris 2, D. Capel 3, C.

Boys' hopping race. Open. T. Matthay 1, Ellis 2. C. Kynock 3, T. Troves 4, D. Mackenzie

Consolation for girls. 6 Open, Bessie Bartington I. Mary Wilson 2, Winnis Edward 3. Dorothy Stone 4. The races over, Mrs. Swan kindly presented

the prizes to the winners, whose beaming faces must have been sufficient reward for all the trouble taken by the committee to entertain them. The prizes were varied, valuable and most appropriate to the ages and sexes of the winners. The presentation of the prizes concluded, Mr. Goyne Stephens, hon. secretary of the Kowloon Cricket Club, presented Mrs. Swan with a very handsome silver salver, on which was inscribed:

"In commemoration of the first Juvenile Sports held January 1st, 1906, at the Kowloon Cricket Club." Mrs. Swan presented the prizes, as Dr. Swan is the "father of and a tiny dot stepped up and handed her a handsome basket bouquet. Cheers for all concerned terminated the official proceedings, when a very unofficial scamper to the huge bran pie ended the children's fun, each child present receiving a packet of chocolates, of which Mr. G. A. Watkins, of Messrs. Watkins and Co., had presented 200 boxes for the occasion.

The following were the committee respon sible for the very successful and enjoyable enter-

Reception Committee: Messrs. T. Skinner. Rose, R. Stevenson, G. Duncan, J. Sibbitt, and R. Lapsley Boys' Handicap Committee: Messrs, W Curwin, H. Goldsmith, J. Witchell, S. Light-

foot, T. Abley, J. Robinson, and R. Mitchell. Girls' Handicap Committee: Messrs. D. Mackenzie, J. Ramsey, J. Clelland, A. J. Ward, A. G. Pile, D. Purves, and G. W. Kynock, Refreshment Committee: Mrs. Kynock, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Goldsmith, G. H. May, J. W. Rattacy, J. D. Logan, J. R. Craik, and others. Prize Committee : Messrs, A. G. Pile, S. Lightfoot, J. Ramsey, D. Purves, and

Skinner. To all of them very preat credit is due for their careful arrangements and attention to their visitors, old and young alike, During the afternoon the Band of the 110th

Native Infantry, by kind permission of Colonel Aitken and officers, played the following programme of music.

March....... "Austria " Waltz Waldtaufel Selection ... "The Girl from Kay's "..... Ivan Caryll Extras. God Save the King. ·Y, M, C. A.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL.

The Xmas and New Year Social, given on I were invited and were present.

Benning and Mow Hing, a Chinese speech by Ewin 1, A, Ellis 2, M. McNeill 3, C, Stewart 4, Mr. Danenberg, the second part came to an episode in seg-side departments, in which lady, maid and two lodgers, respectively, Girls' 35 yards handicap; 6 to 8 years-F. This little farce was very successfully perspecptuously provided.

THE REGISTRATION OF PART NERSHIPS BILL. DISCUSSION IN SINGAPORE.

[Concluded.] Mr. W. Ewald remarked that the Bill now proposed made it compulsory for any new firm to become registered, whereas existing firms: might, or might not, avail themselves of the new law. Considering the serious and far-reaching disabilities attaching to firms not registered, he was almost certain that registration would be accepted by the large majority of old firms, the disability to sue for debts being in itself a sufficiently powerful inducement to become registered. It would, however, in his opinion, be extremely doubtful whether, in the case of registered firms, the real partners would all come forward for registration. It was true that any unregistered partner, wishing to evade the responsibilities imposed upon him by, the Bill, could not sue any person whom he might have caused to become formally registered in his place. He feared, however, that having regard to the lax ideas of commercial morality prevalent amongst a large portion of our pative traders, the said disability would not prove very deterrent influence and thus fail in its object, in view of the freedom from responsibi lity which could be gained by any unscrupulous partner remaining unregistered. . The question naturally suggested itself why, according to Sub-section 2 of Para. 12, a person could not be made liable for debts incurred by a registered firm unless he was a registered member of the firm, even if he were to all intents and purposes the owner or part owner of the firm The object of this provision, he took it, was, of course, that the register should serve as conclusive legal evidence as to the persons liable as owner or owners of a firm and he even granted that this clause as contemplated by the Bill, might to some extent injuriously affect the credit and working of a firm, in the case of which there was reason to suspect substitution of men of straw for the real owners. although the knowledge of this would after al depend on the individual sources of information open to the creditors. If the purport of the said sub-section was to determine the legally

responsible partners of a firm he could no

understand the meaning conveyed in the clos-

ing sentence of the same, which provided that

persons trading in co-partnership with any

other person or persons and representing them-

selves to creditors as trading alone and no

by such co-partnership. Not being registered, he could not be held responsible in the case of a registered firm and if applying to nonregistered firms, they were anyhow already protected by the existing law and needed no registration. The broad effect of this Bill if enacted in its present form and he did not see how it could be satisfactorily modified unless becoming a legally useless Bill, would be that creditors, owing to being denied by this very Bill the right of redress against unregistered | matter than did Mr. Murray. He hoped the partners in registered firms, would in future | Chamber would arouse itself-from its usual lose on the average far more than under present conditions. Nor were local circumstances favourable to the enaction of a Registration Bill. Singapore and Penang being purely the Government readily or hastily. It seemed transit ports with practically no hinterland to to him apparent that Government would never rely on, merchants should jealously guard | do what was best for the trade interests of this against anything likely to interfere with the freedom of the dealers in doing business and with the present inducements and attractions for traders to settle in the Straits, because our very existence was bound up to a large extent with the welfare of the native dealers, who distributed our imported goods and brought the produce for our export trade. Again, a considerable number of our native dealers were hardly possessed yet of the requiste commer- it was intended to benefit, the European mercial education and morals to understand the | chants. The Colony was passing through a objects of registration, which would be looked period of trade depression; there was no doubt upon by them with suspicion and dissatisfac- a certain shifting of trade going on, and the tion. Lastly, the temptation afforded by the Chinese had been suffering. He maintained sub-section already cited, was made-all the this was not the moment to put this bombshell greater through almost ideal opportunities amongst them and create general confusion. available here to unscrupulous owners or and distrust. He looked upon the Bill as part owners, to transfer their creditor's money extravagant because the Official Assignee was " and, at a suitable moment, their worthy selves given power to go into any man's shop and for all ages, between four and fourteen years. the night of Saturday last, at the rooms of the to China and other countries, well knowing look into his books at any time. This sort of It must have been very gratifying to the mem- Young Men's Christian Association (Chinese that once there, they were in perfect safety, thing made one wonder whether this was a card-tables, which, after the first flush of the bers of the club, especially those responsible Department), was a grand success. The rooms | The existence of a Registration Bill framed | British Colony at all. He would guarantee for the event, to see how the children, big and at 26 Des Vonux Road were tastefully decorate on present lines would, in such cases, make it that if the Bill were passed the effect would be small, came rolling up in their numbers, to ed and brilliantly lighted, while the platform well nigh impossible to recover any money in very much what the Chairman had stated. was beautifully arranged and the refreshment foreign countries if the culprit were not a re. The man who were now known to be partners fully for them. The grounds presented a very tables sumptuously provided. Early in the glatered member, though the owner of a regist would not register, but would put in men of evening a great 'number of guests, visitors | tered firm. He could always prove with or straw. These men would still get credit; every ing, while on the higher ground around in and members, began gathering together and without the help of the registered partners that | European firm in the place would continue to !! terested groups of soldiers from the various towards B p.m. the rooms were full almost to the money so transferred was his own. In fact give credit; registration or no registration. native. Indian regiments, lent an Oriental overcrowding." Several ladies amongst others were it not for the sake of greater immunity, Credit must go on as it had done; and because he could just as well risk this practice in this I the success of this Bill depended upon the The proceedings commenced at 8 sharp, place under the protection of the Registration | co-operation of every class of the trading : when a flashlight photograph was taken of the Ordinance. The foregoing showed in this community it must fall to the ground hope. whole assembly. The next item was the speech opinion, conclusively, that the Bill; if passed, lessly. What was the use of the skeleton. came up to the mark in such numbers, that by the president of the Y. M. C.A. (Chinese | would make their position worse than it is Bill proposed by Mr. Murray? It would do very capital arrangement, thoughtfully made derick Mow Fong briefly reviewed the work of The real object, namely, the providing of better pore as being honey-combed with dishonesty the Y. M. C. A. during the year that was draw- measures to make fraudulent concealment of and fraud. What of the city of London? ing towards its close, and showed that the assets less easy, would not and could not be Were there not constant bankruptcles there, out a handsome device, in various shades and might conclude in full daylight for the sake of Association was very popular with the young attained, as after all, the question of giving yet they were never told that the City of men of the Chinese race and proved very use- credit would always resolve itself to one of London was honey-combed with dishonesty; ful in bettering the spiritual, moral, tocial individual experience and judgment. It was and fraud. Because we had bankruptcies, surely and physical condition of the members, in a different direction where matters could be that was no indication that Singapore was worse The Chairman afterwards called upon Mr. improved; namely, by trying to induce Go. than any other place in the East. When F. P. Danenberg for a pianoforte solo. "Aux vernment to take prompt steps to come to an large credit had been given, it was Armes" (Le Reveil du Lion by Antoine strangement with the Native States with the purely a matter of individual responsied for the 1st race, a hand-cap too yards for de Kontski), rendered by him was very view of placing Straits creditors on the same bility; such a matter was not one for much appreciated by the whole audience. footing as Native States creditors as regards | the State to regulate. If the merchants were Next followed a recitation in English by Misses facilities for claiming against bankrupt estates occasionally taken by surprise and were U. Wing Yes and U. May Yee, which, con- in the said States and vice versa, Business "let in," .. it was their own fault. There. 75 yards handicap for girls, ages 12 to 14 sidering the very young age of the girls with the Federated Malay States, our so-called probably might have been warnings, but the years: Nora Robinson and Lillie Reich, dead and English being a foreign tongue to Hinterland, was bound to increase as the de- merchants had gone recklessly to work-and them, was very good. The Y.M.C.A. choir velopment of those countries went on, but they had suffered accordingly. This Bill had nicely rendered a Christmas Carol, and progress in trading was certain to receive a been twice before the Legislative Council, but Rainsey and G. Coggan, I. A. Ellis and G. following this was some Chinese music severe check unless the present shortcomings no new argument was forthcoming to show a couple of comic songs from Mr. W. H. Ray, ments for greater mutual protection, and facili- od previous occasions. Formerly the most Girl's skipping race, open, Edith Robinson, both of which received hearty encores from ties also in the case of fraudulent transactions | eminent men in the place opposed such a Bill, all present. A humorous recitation by should likewise be entered into by Gover- The measure would tend to drive away from Boys' 75 yard handicap; to to 12 years D. Messrs. Geo. Les and Edward Mow ment with our neighbouring foreign countries, the Straits the class of Chinese who were re-Noronha, 1, R. Robson, 2, T. Logan, 3, W. Fong, and "Hall Smiling Morn," by the He felt sure that if the whereabouts of the presented here now and of whom more were Y.M.C.A. choir and a comic song, by Mr. estimated \$1,000,000 of yearly losses through wanted. The passing of this Bill would keep Girls' 50 yards handlesp; 10 to 12 years, Edward Mow Fong, brought the first part failures could be truly ascertained, a sub- such men out, because it created a sense of Edith Robinson, I, Mary Graham, 2, Winnie of the programme to a close, Part 2 stantial amount thereof would be found well suspicion. He was perfectly certain it would opened with a selection, "Sweet Chiming invested in foreign countries, notably China, fail in its main object, and, with this, credit would." Boys' 40 yards sack race; II to 14 years Al. Bells," by the Y.M.C. Orchestra, which was The knowledge alone that abscording debtors | continue in precisely the same way as before," were but few refusals the scene in the ball- bert Ellis, 1, G. Witchell, 2, H. Maithaey, 3, very ably led by Mr. Fred. Mow Fong. | cou'd be reached and the consequent bet- There was no argument proffered for the Bill Next came a Chinese song by Mesers. Chan ter prospect of seizing assets in what car that was worth hearing. Mr. Barker quoted: -Girls' skipping competition; to to 14 years, Pui'Sum, Ng Mee Sum and Ng Ah Man, to now considered inaccessible places, would be the opinion of Mr. Adamson on the previous Mary Graham, I, Winnie Ward, 2, Ethel Ro. | the accompaniment of flute and guitar. Mr. | in itself a deterrent from any fraudulent | Bill. He said the principal objection he had I. M. Wong followed with a genial recitation, intentions: The present time seemed, as far to it was that it was an interference with trade; The 9th event was the setting off of a flight and the Christmas carol, "O come, all ye as 'China was concerned, a most opportune and further it was a violation of the principle faithful," by the Y.M.C.A. Choir, and a violin one, now that law and order were being estab. which had held in this Colony from the begin-Boys' 50 yards handicap; 8 to to years H. J. solo by Mr. L. A. Graca, were admirably lished there to an extent which never existed ning, that Government interference should be Felder i, J. McGlasson 2, T. Logan 3, H. rendered. Mr. Ray was again called upon and | before. As he said, it was in these respects | limited to those acts which were necessary for sang's couple of songs, and with a banjo duet | that action on the part of the Government | the protection of property and person; 'Again, Girl's 50 yards handicap; 8 to 10 years-J. from Messrs. L. A. Graca and Ku Po Shan, a would hit the root of the evil and be of real Mr. J., W. Bonser, a former Attorney-General McNeill and E. Robson, dead heat, N. Robin- quartet by Messrs. Rutledge, Mow Fong, benefit to the trading community of the Straits pointed out that it was hopeless to expect to and thus to the general welfare of the Colony. pass such a Bill, unless it regeived the entire? Egg and spoon race for boys, open,-]. Mr. Wong Kwong, and a pianoforte recital by In conclusion, he hoped that the Chamber concurrence of the trading community, the would vote against the Registration Bill un- added : "I have always, been of opinion that Girls' skipping race; 9 years and under - | end. The third part consisted of a funny sketch; unimously, because bearing in mind the his- Government should not do for other, people against it would seal the fate of this what must There was no doubt about it, Mr. Barker added.

> " HOM. O S. MURRAY. Hon. G. S. Murray said that as one of the know something of the Chinese, after sixteen" minority against the resolution he felt that he | years' experience and he asserted that Singa?" the ladies assembled partook of refreshments must still make a fight for the views he held pore compared very favourably in its bank. Boys' sack race; 25 yards; \$ to 11 years. H. | which, thanks to the care and hospitality of on this very important question. He was not supricies with any other place he had read or? Stewart, 1, O. Musso, 2, G. Stokes, 3, D. the Social Committee of the Y.M.C.A., were going to criticise the details of the Bill, The heard of Compare Slogapore with Java. There Committee had had that opportunity which were some gentlemen pretent who know lave?

they had not taken, and he thought the usofulness of the Committee might have been shown more in suggesting amendments than in proposing this resolution of their non-belief in the principles of the Bill. Because he was opposed to the Bill in a great many clauses he was not going to oppose it 'to toto. He felt that there was a necessity in this Colony for registration of partnerships and he thought they might make suggestions to the Government and in Council Chamber itself to have such alterations made as would deprive the Bill of the terror it seemed to possess for some people. and make it a useful measure. They had in the matter of fraudulent bankruptoies a condition of actuality and not of theory, and in the course, of the speeches they had had put before them several theories of what would happen if this: Bill became law. When it rained we put a great coat on, and we ought to have some protection against this chill brought; upon us by the fraudulent bankruptcles continually taking place in this Colony. It had been said in Singapore many years agoand he thought the remark applied now-that the very commercial atmosphere of the place was tainted with frand, and it had been added that the commercial transactions day by day were honeycombed with deceit. He did not claim that we were worse off than other trading communities in the East, but he was content to claim that by comparison it was good. What they wanted to do was to purify as much as possible the commercial atmosphere, and he thought that through this Bill they would attain success. But if at any future time they were to suffer inconvenience from the Bill they must not cry out to the Government to give up the Bill; inconvenience was bound to be suffered in the case of any new measure introduced for the benefit of the people and there were many people wito would rather suffer pecuniary losses than be put to the inconvenience. It was a bold statement but he felt that it was so. People willingly faced the losses but they did not realise that these losses were the result of carelessness. If the Chamber instructed its committee to deal with the clauses of the Bill which were objectionable, he had no doubt such amendments as were suggested would receive every consideration at the hands of the Government, Shorn of its more drastic clauses, the Bill would become little more than a skeleton but they would possess something to which they could build flesh and later on infuse blood and activity. He was sure they need not be afraid that because other Colonies had never decided this difficult question, thereafter Singapore should shirk it also. Even if they failed they could say they had done their duty in endeavouring to bring about a better state of

in co-partnership with other parties, might nevertheless be held liable for debts incurred affairs in the Colony. MR. A. BARKER. Mr. Arthur Barker claimed the indulgence of the meeting to support the resolution. There was no man to whom the members listened with greater interest and pleasure on most matters than Mr. Murray, but he (Mr. Barker) asserted that those who were actually in touch with the class of persons affected by this bill were in a position to know more about the condition of apathy, and vote against this Bill with no uncertain voice. It should prove a lesson to the Chamber not in future to go to port ; an instance of which was seen when there came up for discussion not so long ago a matter that struck at the very root of the porte trade. In fact Government seemed ready to do more than, was required-but always in the wrong direction. He looked upon this bill as a most extravagant one, introduced at the most inopportune moment, and as being unworkable and perfectly useless to the class of people

They did not know what a rod they were pre-

paring for their own backs. He claimed to

very well. They would say Singepore merchants were living in paradise compared with the condition of things prevailing in Java. This measure would put them entirely in the hands of the Official Assigner, an official it was the desire of all to avoid. He appealed to the Chamber to fight to the very utmost a Bill which, if passed, would restrict Singapore's

THE RESOLUTION CARRIED.

The Chairman, before putting the resolution to the meeting, alluded to a point raised by Mr.-Murray-that the committee of the Chamber had not taken the Bill, clause by clause He did not think the Committee were not prepared to take it clause by clause, if they had been agreed on the principle of the Bill." They had to ascertain first whether the majority of the committee were in favour of the principle. Mr. Murray had apoken of east winds of dishonesty blowing and had advised them to clothe themselves with this grent-coat of registration. was afraid the Bill would not purify the atmosphere particularly. The chief ground of objection was that it was going to enlarge the opportunit es for fraud, and that was why they wished to oppose it and why they did not deaire to present Mr. Murray's commercial skeleton. The Committee were opposed to the Bill for the reasons set forth, and he asked the members to record their votes upon it.

- The yoting then took place, and the result was that the resolution :

"That in the opinion of this Chamber, the Registration of Partnerships Bill now before Council is not desirable in the trading interests. of the Port."

was carried by 10 votes to 7. The voting was as follows :--

For the Resolution-Howarth Erskine, Ltd. Huttenbach Bros. Singapore Oil Mills. M. S. Martin & Co. Mansfield & Co. Boustead & Co. Arthur Barker & Co. Adamson Gilfillan Ltd. Paterson, Simons & Co. Straits Steamship Co. Barlow & Co. Borneo Co., Ltd. Behn, Meyer & Co. Ineger & Co. Brinkmann & Co., John Little & Co. Straits Trading Co. Rigold Bergmann & Co.

Kumpers & Co. Against the Resolution-Syme & Co. 🛂 Pertile & Co. East Asiatic Co. Sandilands, Buttery, & Co. Mercantile Bank.

> P. & O. Company. Meyer Brothers. ---Straits Times.

COAL IN THE PHILIPPINES.

BEST IN THE ORIENT.

A test of coal from Polillo island was made at the government ice plant the other day. The test began at 8 a.m. one morning and closed at 8 a.m. the following morning. A civil government expert, a military government expert and a scientific expert representing the prospectors were present. It was a long tour of duty, but the experts and the representatives of the government remained throughout the night.

That there was coal in Polillo island has been advocated for months past. The official test proved its merits beyond a doubt. 'Representing the civil government was Chief Engineer O'Donovan, of the insular ice plants: representing the military government was to be a world power. He said, that China of D. N. McChesney, superintendent of the quar- course required a well-trained army, which was Mr. Williams, of the scientific laboratory. | world. But he felt that he need not emphasise

A resume of the results shows that in twenty four hours the ice plant consumed 42,269 pounds of Polillo con, or a little less than 19 tons, several tons less than the amount of Japanese or Australian coal used for the same length of time. There was only five per cent of ash, which is seven per cent, less than the ash from other coals used in the Orient. Mr. McChesney stated that the "ash" produced by Polillo coal was without doubt an excellent blacksmith coal, the grates were coarse and the coal so combustible that had it been well burned there would have been much less ash. B "ash" in this connection is meant the carbon refuse still combustible. During the twentyfour hours the Polillo coal produced only fifty. four pounds of cinder which is one-eighth less than the amount found in either Japanese or Australian coals.

During the twenty-four hours' run the ice plant it produced seventy-one tons ice and sixty-five and one half tons of ""refrigerating," the largest day's work done by the plant since the early days of September. Only one set of boilers was used. Chief Engineer O'Donovan said that i was about equal with any coal the plant had ever used. Tests of dry and wet steam were made, also tests of the smoke and the effect the coal would have on the flues and bollers, but these will not be known definitely until after a report has been made by the bureau of

The engineer who secured the coal said this morning that there was coal in Polillo island in unlimited quantities, with good harbours from which to ship the fuel, he having made a drive into the mountains between seventy and sighty feet from the outcropping to secure the coal used. As he penetrated the mountain the coal became harder.

The official report from the bureau of science is awaited with interest by both the civil; and military governments, as Mr. Mc-Chesney, representing the military government, stated that he believed the coal is the best steamship such in the Orient.— Manila

THE RETURN OF THE TROOPS. OVER 200,000 ALREADY BACK.

The Kokumin states that up to Dec. 12 the total number of troops who had returned to Japan from the front was 212, 106 of all ranks. They are divided according to medical inspec-

tion station as follows :--Dairi 52,430 Wada-no-misaki 30,380

work, and if the same rate is preserved, as powers and their policy was so very con- less than sixteen boarders at the time of her seems more than likely the total brought home | sistent and they work so very stably that | death. Captain E. Hoelger was well known by 11th April next will be fully 636,000. Ac one could very easily say what Eng. along the China coast, having been for a long cording to the Johan Mall, the aggregate land or the United States was going to time past in the China Merchants Steam Navistrength of the various Japanese armies in the | do , after even a hundred years. China gation Co, He was at one time chief officer of field when perce was concluded can scarcely must also have endurance. Mr. Brock the Ningpo steamer Kinngfeen and was last 21,000 tons, and the sales during the same per man was very pleased to see the tendency acting master of the Feiching, have exceeded three-quarters of a million,

CHINA AS A WORLD POWER. MR. F. S. BROCKMAN'S LECTURE.

Mr. Brockman, the National Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in China. Korea and Japan, landed in Hongkong on the evening of New Year's Day. On Tuesday evening a number of Y. M. C. A. members and sympathisers and friends assembled in the Association rooms, at 26 Des Voux Road Central, to welcome the National Secretary to their town. In response, Mr. Brockman thanked them and related a few incidents of his recent tour, which were very interesting and

instructive.

Last night Mr. Brockman spoke on "China as a World Power." The Hall was crowded, over 300 visitors and members being present. Mr. Fred. Mow Fong, the genial President of the Chinese Department of the Y.M.C.A. was in the chair and in a few well-chosen words introduced the speaker to the audience, who had come to Hongkong after about a year and a half. A large number of Chinese gentlemen being present who did not understand English Mr. Ng Tin Po acted as an interpreter and went on rendering into Chinese the words of

Mr. Brockman, passage by passage. Mr. Brockman opened his speech by saying that that time was now gone, and gone for ever, when a country or a continent could hold itself isolated from the outer world. This was more especially true of the countries that are lying across the great Pacific Ocean, which has become and was daily becoming the centre of the world around which the different countries were being knil together. The United States, England and France all had possessions in this wide Ocean, while the stupendous struggle 1 21,000 pieces of silk at \$8 gold per piece, now between Russia and Japan was due to Russia's passionate desire of having possesnumber of the steamers which come to be regarded as the Front Door of the was the Back Door of the states.

from the last 4000 years or at any rate, 2000 knew that China respected learning and wanted advantage of having all the territories in one message to China was to be righteous. He place and knit together. Japan, Mr. Brockman pointed out, had no such advantages. Japan I had spoken very frankly and criticised China, had no extensive territories where they could but he did so because he loved China and spread. The third, advantage that China had, in I liked to see it as a World Power, Mr. Brockman's opinion, was that it was compact, it had one language, and the Chinese were unlike the Indians, one and united. In having [proposed a vote of thanks for the speaker one and the same literature China was compact and knit together. The fourth, advantage was, what Mr. Brockman termed the "virility" of the Chinese people. He affirmed that the Chinese could, without any difficulty, live in the hottest and the coldest part of the globe and would thrive. The fifth advantage, Mr. Brockman observed, was in China's being able.

intellectually, commercially and industrially. But Mr. Brockman, regretted the Chinese were behind time and very low in the scale of nations. As a world power China has no position. It was badly lacking in several essential qualities, which are necessary to raise a country family whose members could not read or countries which are being reckoned as worldpowers, there are schools in every village and tries which are being recognised as leading the world, masses were being given liberal educaspected learning; that the Chinese had very well educated officials. But he asserted China refour hundred thousand people of China all tax all the powers of the Chinese Empire for affirmed, is sure to bring about public sentias a very enlightened World-Power like Japan her husband having committed suicide here or England or the United States, China has to, some six or seven years ago. She was engaged consistently and perseveringly work for that, be- to be, married to Captain Hoelger at an early fore it can eyer become so. Another thing in date and the cause of the crime is said to be which China sadly lacked was "Stability," fealousy, which, it is said, was quite unfound-China ought to have a fixed policy and must ed. The deceased was doing a very good persevers in that. Mr. Brockman said that business with her boarding house, and was in They may be said to represent two months | that was the case of the other leading world | very prosperous circumstances, she having no

amongst the Chinese students to go over to Japan to study; but he was very sorry to note that, on account of there, being no stability in them, there were 8,000 Chinese students at the moment when he left Japan, waiting for boats bard upon them, but they must have the will to endure a little bit of trouble and have jeducation at all cost. In China, too, the students are very aut to go on strikes and organize revolutions. These were deplorable, Mr. Brockman said. The next thing which China should 'recognised as a world-power, was to have friends, strong friends and allles. Mr. Brock! man could not belp praising the far-sightedness and chrewdness of the Japaness statesment who worked silently but steadily to bring about and industrially. Japan had won the recent war, but is now struggling hard to succeed in the commercial race of the world, which were falling off, almost to extinction, Mr. Brockman, before coming to the Far East, went to all the leading firms in New York, who were importing goods from China to find out as to how China was getting on with the States. He said very sadly that he found that the whole trade of China with the States was well-nigh dead. All the business had been transferred to Japan. One merchant told the speaker that in 1887 he used to import 24 million silk handkerchiefs, but now he does not get a single one. Another importer told him that he was importing from China sometime back he gets all his requirements from Japan.

concluded his address by saying that he With these words Mr. Brockman took his seat amidst hearty cheers. The Chairman

which was endorsed by the entire assembly. The lecture was very impressive and the young men of China went out of the Hall with the firm resolve to add their mite in raising their country up. The, Chinese interpretation of the address was literal and very able, *

THE TRACKDY AT SHANGHAL

FURTHER DETAILS. As announced by wire in our columns on the 28th ult, a terrible crime was committed at Shanghai on the previous afternoon. An account to hand states that a great sensation was termaster's shops. In behalf of the company could hold its own against any Army of the caused in Shunghai when it became known that Captain E. Hoelger, late of the C.M. Their official and scientific report will be sub- that point, as he felt sure that China would not steamers Klangteen and Feiching, had murdered mitted to the governor-ge eral and the com- forget that if it was rising into a World-Power. Mrs. Hartwig, who kept a boarding house at He, however, said that there were other things | No. 20 North Szechuen Road, near Boone Road, which were more important or at least as im- and afterwards completed his work by shooting portant as that. Chinese masses required himself in the same room as his victim. It was education, a liberal education, industrial, com- learned that the parties were last seen shortly mercial and technical education. Japan would after tiffin and about five o'clock a search was never have been able, the Speaker asserted, to | made as it was somewhat unusual for Mrs. heat Russia, if the Japanese soldier had not Hartwig to be absent at that time of day, I been educated and could intelligently under- was then found that Captain Hoelger's room stand what led his country to declare war | door which was on the first floor was locked. against Russia. 'He emphasised this point and | Suspicions having been aroused, word was at said with great force that the sacrifices which lonce sent to the German Consulate-General the Japanese soldiers did in the late Russo- and Mr. Heinze. Vice-Consul, was sent in Japanese War would never have been done | company with Mr. Schmidt, a boarder at the unless the soldiers had that intelligent educa- house, to investigate the matter. On arriving tion which alone could make them understand | at the house an effort was made to open the that their very national existence depended | door, but it was found to be securely locked. upon the successful issue of the war. While The bath room adjoining was then tried, an China was ignorant, in Japan each, small | entrance being made from the hallway. The village had its own school; every parent, no bath room door leading to the bed room was matter what he was, had to send his children | found to be secured, but not locked and by compulsorily to school, and there was no pressing against it, it was found possible to get it open when it was discovered that write; the percentage of those who can read a heavy writing deak had been placed in Japan being 97. Buch was the case in against the door to prevent it from beother countries too. In England, United | ing opened. On gaining access to the room States and Germany, as well as the other which was, but little disordered, a terrible scene met the horrified gaze of the party. Mrs. Hartwig was found lying on the floor at the all the children of school-going ages are going loot of the bed between a small table and the to school. There are schools of various sorts | wall on her back with a gaping bullet wound in all these countries-Primary, Agricultural, in the back of her head surrounded by a pool Technical, Electrical, &c., &c. In all the coun- of blood. At the side of the bed was found the body of Captain Hoelger, with his head towards the wall and arms outstretched, with tion. Mr. Brockman admitted that China re- | bullet hole extending from the mouth to the back of the 'ead where the bullet made its exit, but it has not yet been found. Alongside quired not a few educated Mandarins, but the the body in a pool of blood was a large revolver with three chambers discharged. One of the educated. It was, he said, a stupendous task, bullets had made a large hole in the coiling a task which is well-nigh staggering and will while the other two had been used by the murderer in disposing of his victim and then years to come, Such education, the Speaker | himself. Dr. von Schab was communicated with and on arrival made an examination of the ment and patriotism. Mr. Brockman told those | bodies and found them both cold, death having present that China required to know how to most likely been instantaneous, and the crime make things nicely, cheaply and adapted to the |-must have been committed early in the afterwants of the other countries, where they are to noon. None of the boarders or servants heard be exported. The Chinese ought to make things | anything unusual during the afternoon, and the that would sell. All watches, Mr. Brockman' pistol shots were not remarked by anybody, pointed out, used to come into the States from | which leads to the conclusion that the weapon Switzerland, when he was a child; but the must have been held close to the head when young men of the States set about making them | the fatal shot was fired, which is further borne with the result that the same watch which cost | out by the fact that part of her hair is slightly them gold dollars 150 then, costs now only 20 | singed at the back where the built penetrated. gold. China's one great want was, then, work. The bodies were not removed, but are being people who cannot only make things in the prepared for burial, and the funeral will take stereotyped ways but can turn them out cheaply | place to-morrow. The room where the tragedy byl machinery and better than before. Mr. I occurred was locked and secured and the keys Brockman admonished the young men of taken possession of by the German authorities. China not to expect that China would jump up Mrs. Hartwig was an old resident of Shanghai,

THE CLUB LUSITANU SOIREB

No record of the festivities attending the speeding of the old and the usbering in of to enable them to go home. He admitted that the New Year can be complete without in the Japanese jeducational authorities may be | cluding the social function which took place at the Club Lusitano on the evening of the 31st December. It is a time-honoured event in the annals of the national institution of the Macaenses in Hongkong. From the year o its foundation to 1905, the Ball of the gest December has taken place each year without inhave before it can attain the dignity of being termission within the precincts of a veritable landmark in Hongkong such as the Club Lusitano can really claim to be when establishment some forty years ago saw within hits stately walls and its annexes in the 60's one of the handsomest edifices the Colony could the recent Anglo-Japanese Treaty and win | boast of at the time. Though the Reaper in over England and the United States to its side. his inexorable mission has successively claim-Mr. Brockman also emphasized that the Chin-se | ed one after another all its numerous founpeople must become great commercially ders, the objects and purposes of the institution bave been creditably maintained by an honorary committee of willing workers year after year, and the present members of the Direcis very keenly going on. China's exports | torate, presided over by Mr. J. L. de S. Alves, faithful to the tradition of their charge, celebrated the annual event with all the hospitality and conviviality of former years. When it is stated that the hosts aided by most of th members received their friends on Sunday evening, those who were present at the gathering will realize what the hospitality at the Portuguese Club has been, " included in the number of invited guests were members of the British and foreign communities, not excepting the re-resentatives of some of the leading Japanese commercial houses in Hongkong. Dancing was, of course, the order of the evening, and no better hall could be had than that of Luiz de Camoens which had been faultlessly These people pointed out that they were im- waxed and placed in first-class condition for sions across the Pacific. The great porting goods from Japan because Japan af the occasion. The brilliant lighting was ac were forded them many facilities while it was so very | complished by a dual system-the combinatraffiking in the Pacific Ocean were daily difficult to buy from China. While the Japan- tion of electricity with incandescent gas making it impossible for all the countries ese sent over their experts to study the United lamps. There was no superfluity of lavis) round its waters to remain secluded from the States people's wants and tastes, adapted their | decorations, The feature of the hall was other countries and nations. Mr. Brockman | products according to their experience, and one of the utmost simplicity; the absence laid stress on the fact that a time had come in levery time they sent out their goods they were of any studious attempt at display gave the history of the world when no country, no not only superior but were in fact cheaper be- the conspicuous charm of the decorations nation, had it in their power to exclude another | ing turned out by machinery; while the Chi- which were carried out by means of beautifu country or its people. He said that at the nese workmen are exactly at the same place palms, pot plants and choice cut flowers. The present time neither China could exclude the as they were 2000 years ago. The speaker de- spacious dining-hall of the Club-house was Americans nor could the United States exclude | duced from all this that China has got to come | converted into a buffet for the evening where the Chinese. San Francisco, he emphasied, had up to the level of the other, World-Powers and | punches and champagne cups could be had ad leading nations. The last essential, which libitum. The usual card-room was turned into United States and not the Back Door thereof | China must have, according to Mr. Brockman, | the ladies cloak-room, the card-tables for the as it was some years ago. New York, if any, is "a civilization based upon righteousness." He evening being relegated to the floor below near quoted Confucius in support of this and said | the billiard room. In the library were provided Speaking about the advantages China had that the Government must throw out her dis- the supper tables where during a half-hour inover other nations and countries, Mr. Brock. honest and unscrupulous officials and take up terval after midnight the large gathering man affirmed that China could trace its history | honest people. Mr. Brockman affirmed that he | adjourned to do justice to an excellent menu. Commencing shortly after nine o'clock years, and that too with continuity. Thus | all its officials to be highly educated; but he | dancing was indulged in by over two hun-China had the advantage of these years' ex- | pointed out that a very learned man can be a | dred guests to the strain of the fine music perience and could turn same to very good | rogue, That is why, he asserted, he wants to | rendered, by permission of Colonel Aitken account. 2nd, China had magnificient soil, rich. see China Christianized. Mr. Brockman laid | and officers, by the Band of the 119th Infantry. in agriculture, minerals, coal, etc. and further | emphasis on this point and asserted that his | During the adjournment and before supper was concluded, Mr. Alves, the president of the Club, in a brief, appropriate speech, wished the assembly present a Happy and Prosperous New Year, a wish cordially reciprocated and honoured with a "hom; er." Dancing was resumed after supper and kept up with unflagging enthusiasm until the wee small hours of Monday, just before the dawn. The guests dispersed full of appreciation of the cordiality of the reception and with the pleasant recollection of an evening most enjoyably spent. The members of the Committee and the numerous M.C,'s were collectively responsible for the success of the soires, but to Mr. L. de S. Alves and Mr. D. A. Cordeiro had fallen the burden of the task which made success so

conspicuous. Appended is the programme of music:--

t.-Polka Les Bohamian' s.-Walte Blut Danube .- Lancers The Country Gir 4.-Walts Dolores 5.—Walts "Il Bacio" Laughing Water -Waltz Avant le Bal' Lancers "Gondollers"

9.—Walts "Sourise d' Avril "

10.—Walts "Venetia"

11.—Lancers "Army and Navy"

13.—Barn Dance "Happy Days in Dixle"

14.—Walts "La Gitana"

15.—Walts "Circus Girl" 16 .- Lancers Belle of New York 17.-Waltz...... Tresor d' Amour ık.—Waltz, Estudiantina." Estudiantina." 19.—Gallop La Diable du Corps.",

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL CONFIRMED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, was held at the registered office of the Society, No. 1, Queen's Buildings, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of confirming the resolution which was passed at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on the 20th day of December last for the increase of the capital of the Society. There were present : Messrs. H. W. Slade (chairman), A G. Wood, N. A. Siebs, G. H. Medhurst, A Forbes (directors), W. J. Saunders (secretary) Messrs. F. Paget Hett, A. B. Rouse, C. M. G. Burnie, H. M. H. Nemazee, A. V. Apcar, Julio A. Carvalho, H. J. M. Carvalho, and Capt. F D. Goddard.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

. The Chairman said :- Gentlemen, the object of this meeting is to submit for confirmation as a special resolution the resolution which you have just heard read, and which was passed at the extraordinary general meeting held here on the 20th December, 1905. I propose that this resolution be confirmed.

The resolution is as follows :- "That the capital of the Society be increased to \$3,100,000 by the creation of 2,400 additional ordinary shares of \$250 each (whereof \$100 shall be credited as paid up) ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing ordinary shares of the Society; and that the said additional shares, so far as shall be necesary for the purpose, be issued to those shareholders of the China Traders' Insurance Company, Ltd., who have accepted or shall accept the Society's offer made to them on the 15th August, 1905, such issue being in accordance with the terms of a contract or memorandum in writing made or to be made pursuant to the said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of Companies and that the balance, if any, of the vaid additional shares be disposed of b the Board in such manner as it shall think most beneficial to the Society,"

Mr. Paget Hett seconded. The Chairman :- Gentlemen, it is proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Paget Hett that the resolution be confirmed. Those in favour will please hold up their hands, All the shareholders signified their approval of the resolution.

The Chairman :- I thank you for your attendance. The Society is now in a position to deal with the shareholders of the China Traders' Insurance Company in accordance with the terms of the Society's offer. This was all the business.

THE total output of the Chinese Engineering and Miniag Company's three mines, for the week ended the 16th of December amounted to riod to 10,000 tons.

VAGRANCY IN THE STRAITS.

NEW LEGISLATION.

of relief, is of course as yet elementary; but t shows that the question is one with which ! the authorities are determined to deal proper-

ly do. All these destitutes, or vagrants, or are to a certain extent our brethren; they observers have imagined it to be. are human beings, and as such they have got to be helped. Therefore, though it may get rid of extraterritoriality, as Japan, has be difficult if not impossible to point out | done, is perfectly legitimate, but there is a what Mr. So-and-so or Towkay This-or-that | right way and a wrong way of going about has to do with the question of the Vagrancy it. European Powers are not to be moved by Evil, there is no doubt but every well-to-de blatant agitation, boycotting, and rioting; by member of the communit must do some thing bencouraging these, the Patriotic Party defeats to help. He must contribute to the work of its own ends. The Japanese statesmen realis. relief, by subscribing to repatriation and othe | ed very soon after the Restoration that there is similar funds in various cases of distress, | no short cut to the achievement of a freedom deserving and otherwise. The rules regulating of this kind. They had to aducate their men. the up-keep and control of destitutes, as set to prepare acceptable codes, to establish a. forth in the Ordinance, are not calculated to trustworthy judiciary, and to show by their render the Workhouse, or whatever also the success in governing their own people that detention depot may be called, an attractive | they could be trusted to govern the strangers residence for those to whom labour is irksome, within their vates, and it took them years of and who find the rarer and more stimulating comforts of the stomacht of prime necessity to Powers that it was safe to conclude new treaties life. So much the better. Such an institution with them abolishing extraterritoriality. The should not be made a paradise or a place of Treaty Powers do not reject any hope that

his bread by the sweat of his brow. THE STANDING NAVAL SQUADRON,

forgotten the injunction that man shall carn

Japanese papers report that the First and Serond Squadrons, and South China Guard ship Squadrons, which, as previously recorded were formed on the formal dissolution of the United Fleet, have been constituted as fol-

First Squadron:-The Yakumo, Asame Tokiwa, Iwate, Azuma, Izumo, Otowa, Chi waya, Tsushima, the auxiliary cruiser Anekawa, and destroyers Ariake, Fubuki, Kasumi, and

Second Squadron :- The Iki, Okino-shima Chiyota, Izumi, Niitaka, uma, Tattuta, the auxiliary cruiser Manshu Maru, and the destroyers Marasame, Asashiwo, Asagiri, and Shirakuma.

South-China Guardship Squadron:-The Takachiho, Chitose, Uji, and Sumida: The Araining Squadrod :- Hashidate, Itsu-Sushima, and Matsushima.

A WILD LION AT WARREN'S.

BITES ITS TRAINER,

The displays in the lions' cage at Warren's

under ordinary circumstances, but at the per-

formance last night, says the Straits Times,

(Singapore), of 28th ult., the trainer, M. Zaboir while in the cage, met with an adventure which made more than a thrill pass through the spectators, and which, while entailing serious injuries to himself, might have been possible. M. Zabolti is noted as a llon tamer

were found to be very badly incerated.

CHINBSE AIMS.

The N. C. D. News, of goth ult., says :-Dr. Gilbert Reid, in his lecture, on "Har-The Straits Times writes editorially thus :- | mony between Chinese and Foreign Mer-Every thinking member of the community chante," delivered to a Chinese audience in must rejoice at the steps taken by Govern- their own language at the International Inment in the introduction of the Vagrants Bill stitute on Saturday last, described very lucidly that was submitted for the consideration of and tersely the position of the Anglo-American the members of the Legislative Council at the Settlement here, which has recently become so last meeting of that body. The proposed obnoxious to some of the students, the officials measure is obviously only an introductory here, and some of the local so-called gentry. step to more comprehensive legislative action . He said that "to the Chinese side he would on an issue that marits serious administrative | point out that this was a Foreign Settlement, attention. It is a measure that virtually pro- and not the same as other places. China's vides houses of detention, or workhouses, sovereign rights were for the time given up wherein may be interned all persons who, within this area. China was like a propertyeither through their own fault or through sheer. owner renting a house to another. . He was still misfortune, are unable to find proper means of the owner, but within that house during the subsistence in the Culony. It means that I time of the lease the other man was master, such institutions will be established, and that and could arrange the rooms as he pleased. So the homeless, decrepit and sick will profit by China leased outside the city of Shanghai a them as asylums while the instinctively vagrant | few acres to England and the United States, element will be compelled to keep clean, and The land was still the Emperors, but during to work, and to be decent generally, until the lease these foreign countries were master, such time as they can be deported. For those and could rule at pleasure their own housewho are able to and willing to work, but for hold, and, properly, the Chinese who became whom there seems to be no immediate op- their guests. China would get back the soveportunity of which they can avail themselves | reign rights of the Settlements when she securwithout assistance, every effort will be made ed sovereign rights in the whole country, and to procure work. All will be held detained sovereign rights in the country would be won: in such a manner as will prevent their being when her laws were modified, her administraa nuisance to the working members of the tion of justice reformed, and her judges were community, by begging or otherwise, during trained men of legal mind and legal knowledge, the period when they are unable to support and when, moreover, Foreign Powers would themselves or to find friends who may volun- regard all this as so sufficient as to warrant a tarily support them. The Ordinance, as a work | treaty which would remove foreign jurisdiction and foreign Settlements."

Young China, or the section of it which calls itself the Patriotic Party, but which has shown ly. The community in this matter must sup- itself in reality a very unpatriotic party, has port the policy of those authorities, and apparently two aims in view, the removal of the must, also, support the measure itself when it | Manchu dynasty, and of the burden of extraassumes definite proportions. The complaints | territoriality, and it thus, in the most lightwhich have led to the drafting of the Bill hearted and ill-considered manner, declares have been numerous, and the conditions war against the Government and against all were such that the Government had to in- Foreign Powers at the same time, instead of tervane on the behalt and for the relief dividing its intended enemies and engaging of the general public. This was rendered them separately. As far as regards the Manchu necessary by the growth of the disease. The dynasty, there seems to foreigners generally no vagrant element of our population was becom- real patriotism in endeavouring forcibly to reing insolvent. Its members were running as | place it by a purely Chinese dispensation. As near to the edge of the law as was possible a matter-of fact, the actual Government of without directly infringing it, and they had be- China is more Chinase than it is Manchu, and come, and are, a public nuisance and a public statesmen are so lamentably scarce in China menace. Therefore Government was bound to that no one ever heard of any official of promise take measures for the protection of the majori- being rejected because he was not a Manchu. ty. Moreover, it was beyond doubt that most. At the present time, the Empress-Dowager is of the men who had become social parasites so far from being narrow-minded in this in the town were imported—or rather smuggl- direction that she is appointing Chinese ed-into the Colony from outside countries. to posts hitherto reserved for Manchus, while This was surely a-matter for Government to there are some Manchu high officials who are take up; and it is comforting to see that some as enlightened and capable in every way as provisions are made in the new Bill for hold- their Chinese colleagues. Whether the Chinese ing the shipmasters, agents, or consignees of as a people would gain anything by the removal the vessels in which non-self-supporting un from power of all Manchu officials from the desirables are imported, liable for the upkeep of | Empress Dowager down is more than doubtful; the latter if they become charges on the Colony. | the gain would certainly not be worth the loss Despite these responsibilities, which properly to the country that another rebellion would test upon the authorities, we must not lose cause. The idea of the Patriotic Party appears sight of the laws of social and racial solidarity, to be a Republic, and they are certainly the which vest us all, as individuals, with some re- only people in China who think the nation is sponsibilities in the matter of our brethren in ready for it, but to them it seems the only distress; and we must take a broad, if not pre- chance of getting power into their own hands, cisely a charitable, view of the trouble. The The extraordinary thing to foreigners is, that narrow question of kinship does not enter inter the officials everywhere, at the capital and in the matter; but there are other ties, such as the provinces, seem to be very much in awe of those of nationality, class, profession, etc., -as | the Patriotic Party, and afraid to provoke it to well the broad one of humanity-which certain- | action. It must, apparently, be-very much stronger than we believe it is or the Governwhatever else they may be technically termed ment very much weaker than even careful

That Chinese Patriots should wish to patient toil before they could convince Poreign ease; and that all the more because the majority | extraterritoriality will be done away with some of the Europeans who will drift into it from day in China as it has been in Japan. It is hereabouts belong to the class who have long | distinctly contemplated in the British Treaty

of Shanghai, 1902, Article XII;— "China having expressed a strong desire to reform her judicial system and to bring it into accord with that of Western nations, Great Britain agrees to give every assistance to such reform, and she will also be prepared to relinquish her ext aterritorial rights when she is satisfied that the state of the Chinese laws, the arrangement for their administration, and other considerations warrant her in so dolog," in

Let the Patriotic Party take this for their text; let them bring some evidence that China has strong desire to reform her judiciary-not by putting on the bench hot-headed youngstors fresh from college, -and to bring it into accordwith that of Western nations; let them accept the assistance to such reform offered by Great Britain; let them satisfy Foreign Powers that the state of the Chinese laws, the arrangements for their administration. and other considerations warrant those Powers in relinquishing their extraterritorial rights; but do not let them expect that to bluster and boycott, and hire beggars and bullles to make a riot in the Foreign Settle-? ments will bring them any nearer their alileged goal, Unfortunately, they can buy a renegade foreigner here and there to support their claim; but they do not seem to realise that such support as that does their cause more harm than good. As long as they postpone by their violence the abolition of extraterritoriality, so long at least do they defer the relinquishment by Great Britain and the United States of their virtual lease of the Anglo-American Settlement Circus are always of a thrilling character even

> In connection with the proposed remodelling of the Chinese Navy, inquiries are being made with the idea of making Foothow a great naval centre."

attended by the most serious consequences THE new issue of postage stamps in Siam that utterly without fear in pursuing his dangerous forgotten about by most people, is now partly profession. When he enters the cage where on sale at the post offices, says the Banghol are the two big lions, he puts them through Times. The design is entirely new, and the their facings, makes them leap, over barricade same on crch, though the colours vary with and, as the climax of his daring exhibition, the denominations, and they make a very forces open the animals mouth, putting his pretty set. The head of His Majesty the King face between their laws. Last night he was appears as a small profile cameo, supported by doing this with the larger of the two lions two Siamese children; between whom, and just when the brute suddenly closed its teath, and below the King's portrait, appears a distant bit right through its trainer's checks, breaking | view of Wat Cheng and the river, with the a number of teeth and causing blood to flow | word " Siam " at the top, and the value below. all down his breast. The spectators were hor- The values announced are of one att; two, three, rified to think what might be the conse- four, five, eight, twelve, twenty-four and sixty. quences, but the trainer showed no signs of four atts, respectively. The one att stamp is of four and remained in the cage for several pale yellow, with pale green centile the two minutes longer. On coming out he had his att is purple and pale green; the three atts wounds temporarily bound up, and, after the igreen; the four atts, purple and red't the intervals, insisted upon going again into the twelve atts, blue I and the twenty four atts cage to conclude his preformance. It ended brown. The five, eight and sixty four watte without further mishap. Subsequently his in- stamps are not yet issued for sale. The new furies, were dressed by a doctor. His jawa stamps are slightly larger that those which they supersade.

LARCENY OF JEWBLLBRY.

At the Magistracy this afternoon before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, Chan Fung, a woman figured in the dock on a charge of stealing jewellery, including, gold bangles, diamond rings, jadestones, gold chains, etc., of a total total value of \$850.50, from Yik Pong Cheong, of No. 93, Hollywood Road, on December 25 last; and Tung E, another woman and Choy Tsui. a man, were charged with receiving stolen property.

Chan Fung, the first defendant, pleaded guilty to the charge; the others denied it. Chief Detective Inspector Hanson prosecuted

on behalf of the police. A Chinese woman stated that all the jewellery, except the diamond rings, were her proparty, the rings belonging to her sister. When she went to Canton she left the locked jewellery box in charge of her sister, the key of the box she took to Canton.

The last witness's sister deposed that she missed the jewellery box placed in her charge on the night of the 25th ultimo. The first de- f:stoons of palms and evergreens, and thus fendant, her amab, raised the alarm that burglars had come and gone, and asked her mis. a fairly high platform appropriately draped, and tress to look and see whether the jewellery box was safe. The box was gone and her step door opened. The learnt afterwards that the police had arrested her servant.

A third woman stated that after dark on el boys flitted about dispensing that class of the a5th ultimo Chan Fung came to her refreshment which usually prevalls at these house, at No. 30, Cochrane Street and gave her some jewellary to keep, which from black bottles and brown casks ; while the was wrapped in a handberchief. The first committee, whose names are given below, defendant said that her master was going to a siduously looked after the guests so that no Canton and asked witness to keep the jewellery. It roat should be dry and no mouth empty for When the police went with Chan Fung to lack of a "smoke," in a room near by a very

received from No. 91. Holly wood Road on for the benefit of those who did not care for Christmas night, he went and arrested Chan anything more substantial. Punctually at Fung. He later went to the house of the second 8.30 p.m., Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, who had defendant and she said that her husband (third | kindly consented to take the chair, arrived and defendant) was out and so could not give him | was conducted by inspector. Langley to his to have been pawned. They were both taken to the Station and on being searched two hair second defendant

Chan Fung, the first defendant, was next placed in the box. She said that after stealing the box she went and saw Tung E. Witness opened the box with a bit of iron and handed the contents to the second woman. Witness did not know the third detendant.

Chan Fung, the amab who pleaded guilty usual inimitable style, which called out a prempt on Thursday to stealing a cash-box containing | encore. This was followed by a succession of jewellery, etc., to the value of \$85% to from her employers at No 9, I ollywood Road on Dec. Instrumental Haying on the violin by Mr. last, was on Friday sentenced at the Magistracy to two months' hard labour by Mr. F. A. Hazeland. The others, who were charged | both of which were in excellent style, and two with receiving the stolen property, were discharged by Mr. C A, D. Melbourne.

HONGKONG HORLICULTURAL . SOCIETY,

A general-meeting of the 'Hongkong Horticultural Society was held in the City Hall yesterday afternoon for the, purpose of, enjothing members and electing officers. His Honour Sir Francis Piggott, chief Justice, presided. The following committee was appointed to

make arrangements for the forthcoming show for Mrs. Bowley, Mrs. Brewin, Mrs. Dickson Mrs. Seth, Mr. Barton, Mr. Dunn, honorary secretary, Mr. Craddock and Mr. O borne, was decided that this committee should take over the work of the committee which had arranged for the show, the members of the latter to be a sub-committee.

It was agreed that the price of admission on the first day of the show should be Sr and on the second day up to 3 o'clock, 50 cents, after that hour, free. Subscribers to Sir Paul Chater's list were to be made members of the society and to be admitted to the show free. Mr. Gibbs was elected secretary and treasurer. A lengthy report was submitted by the committee which had arranged for the Flower Show, in which it was stated that Sir Paul Chater had promised \$2,000 towards the prize fund. The Chairman hoped the membership of the society would reach too. When the meeting opened there were 17 members on the list and several additions were made at the

THE LOCAL DEFENCES,

Two Japanese photographers employed by Messrs. Mumeya & Co., Queen's Road Central, were placed before Mr F. A . Hazeland, at the instance of Sergt, O'Sullvian, for being found yesterday within the immediate vicinity of the Hunghom forts with photographic apparatus on their person, to wit, a camera. The case was adjourned for one week to allow the military authorities to be communicated with Bail, Stoo each.

MR. BAINBRIDGE'S DECIURE. THR "BLACK JEWS"

Never was a lecture delivered under the auspices of the Hongkong Odd Volumes Society more largely attended than it was fast evening when Mr. Oliver Bajnbridge delivered his address on "Black Tews," Mr. Bainbridge, has made a study of this question and was consequently in a position to throw light and Princhar on same may features of the wan-

dering tribes. H. E. Sir Mat hew Nathan, introduced the lecturer in a short speech, in the course of which he remarked that. Mr. I sinbridge had travelled in some of the less known parts of the.

world, and was a keen observer of nature. Mr. Bainbridge, after a short introduction referring to the advantages of travel as an educational factor, dealt with his discovery of the Black Jews of Papua, at the mouth of the Fly River. The whole history of the Jews had been one of trial and tribulation; they had been persecuted in most countries. and had been obliged to take refuge in many lands where they could practise their religious phervances free from outside disturbers. It sared to the lecturer that these "Black Jews" had been by some means, probably shipwreck, cast upon the island of Papua, and there formed a community among themselves, They had in the course of time lost many of their obsetvances, but still retained sufficient to lead one to the conclusion that they were Jawish. Mr. Bainbridge gave descriptions of the remarkable distinction of the Jewish features in the countenance of those people whom he designated the "Black Jews" of Papua, and detailed the facts which led him to believe that they were members of the Israelite nation. at the same time commenting on their adherance to many of the customs and religious functions, of the Jews. The pictures with which the lecture was illustrated fully corroborated the statements of the lecturer, and proved of infinite interest to the audience, who showed their interest in the most unmistakeable fashion. At the close Mr. Bainbridge was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks for his | my Lord |

Sascinating remarks.

THE POLICE CONCERT.

A PRONOUNCED SUCCESS.

Once again the Water Police station. Tsim Tsa" Tsui, donned its annual festal garb of bunting and winter foliage, last night, and threw open its hospitable doors to some 350 guests, on the occasion of its anabat entertainment, which this year took the form of s smoker." In former years the yearly function was always a ball, but this year there have been so many balls, with a plethora of that class of entertainment still announced for the immediate future, that this year it was decided to get out of the old groove and give a "moler" instead of a ball. And the innovation .was evidently fully appreciated by the large number of guests present, who did not neglect to show their appreciation. The huge courtyard at the back of the Station had been enlosed and roofed over with mats, which were lined inside with innumerable flags and t ansformed into a very fine concert hall, with palmed, while in the body of the hall was placed a number of tables, with chairs grouped round them, "on which were laid out pipes, tobacco, 'cigars and cigarettes, while an army of soft-footfunctions, and which is measured out generally witness's house she handed over the jewellery. | elegant supper was tastefully laid out, while P.C. 331; deposed that when a report was pittus of sandwiches circulated all the evening

the cash box. Later the third defendant arrived seat immediately below the platform, and was and took him (witness) to two different shops, shortly followed by Mr. F. J. Badeley, Mr. J. where the jewellery was located, and supposed Hanson, Mr. H. Baker, and others, and then, on the call of the chairman, the proceedings were opened by Mr. Inokay's playing some ornaments were found on the person of the choice operatic selections on the piano by way of overture, in his well-known masterful style On account of distance and consequent late arrivals, the programmy, which we give below, had to be considerably aftered as to order of stems, thus the second item was that marked to on the grogramme, "You had better come down at once," sung by Mr. Harry Wolfe in his songs, alternately comic and sentimental, some Goodings, on the balalaika, a Russian stringed instrument of the guitar type, by Mr. Inchay, recitations by Lance-Sergeant Clyde, who is a very capable orator, and showed a great force in the "Sleeping Switchman." Space forbids individual criticism of each of the 34 items, plus encores given, but without making any invidious distinctions, a special word is certainly due to Mr. P. Langley for his spirited singing of several capital comic songs. Mr Langley, who has a bright clear and strong voice, was in his best form, and was heard to the greatest advantage. Mr. Morris, who so ably presided at the piano during the best part of the evening, did yeoman's service, and treated the audience to some lively "bits." Mr. Dawson's relections were very good and appropriate, excellently rendered, the instrumentalists mentioned also giving their hearers a treat. At the

> took place, and was taken up in the consumption of further liquid "refreshers." in the second part Mr. Isokay's splendie mandolin playing opened the proceedings in very pleasing style, and was followed, among others, by those mentioned above, all in new and up-todate songs, both comic and sentimental. It is a pity that those taking part in these functions cannot make up their minds, before the time comes for printing the programmes definitely, as to what songs they will sing, instead of having on the programmes "selected" where the name of the song to be sung should appear. But as regards this failing the committee of the Police "Smoker" are to be congratulated for its almost entire absence from their programme, as well as for all their a duous labours, which combined to make the concert the pronounced and unqualified success it undoubted.

end of the first part, an interval of ten minutes

The following were the committee: Chairman: Mr. P. P. I. Wodehouse. President Inspector Arthur Langley. Secretary: Sergeant R H. Wills. Members: Messrs. Pitt, Atlees, Counsell, Bird, Foley, Roby, Fdwards, Norman, Lannigan, Berrie and Purdon,

Appended we give the programme, which, it will be seen, was a particularly well selected and varied one, bringing out a good deal of unexpected musical talent, among our local imalcurs.

PROGRAMME.

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GOD SAVE THE KING.

DISPUTED CROWN RENT.

In Summary Jurisdiction this morning, before His Honour, Mr. A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge, Mr. F. Blünck, owner of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1, sued Ng Choi, owner of house ico. 53 Elgin Road, Kowloon, for the recovery of \$17.54, being as to \$9.54, amount of Crown rent due by defendant to plaintiff he having paid same, and as to \$2, the amount of search fee paid in Land Office by plaintiff, on

behalf of defendant. Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for plaintiff, defendant neither appearing in person nor by representation.

Mr. Blünk proved the debt.

. His Honour; How do you propose to get it ? Mr. Blunck: Take the house, of course,

Judgment for plaintiff with costs,

DEATH INQUIRY.

PRISONER DIES IN GAOL.

At the Magistracy this afternoon before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, sitting as Coroner, an inquiry was held into the circumstances touching the death of one Ng lu, which took place in Victoria Gaol at 3.40 o'clock this morning; and who was undergoing a term of seven years' hard labour for armed robbery.

The following was the jury empannelled: Messrs. W. E. Rose, C. F. G. Grimble and S.

Swart. Senior hospital warder of the Victoria Gapl. said deceased was admitted to hospital on Dec. 7th last and he became gradually weaker and died this morning.

Willian Moore, medical officer, Victoria Gaol, said the deceased was admitted to hospital on-Dec. 7th in a very weak and angemic condition: and he gradually developed the symptoms of tubercular moningitis, an invariably fatal disease. He lapsed into a semi-unconscious condition on Dec. 27th, in which state he remained until his death. I performed a postmortem this morning and found, the usual appearance in the brain. I am of opinion the cause of death was tubercular meningitis. Death from natural causes was the verdict

returned. ADMIRAL TOGUS FAREWELL

"TIGHTEN YOUR HELMET STRINGS WHEE THE BATTLE HAS BEEN WON."

.10 HIS FLEET,

in connection with the dissolution of the United Fleet, Admiral Togo addressed a lengthy message of thanks and exhortation to the officers and men. In the course of this, communication he urges the Navy to remember that its duties are in no way less important now that the Fleet has separated. In order, he says, to make secure the position of the Empire, it. is necessary to be always, prepared for the worst. In this connection, the Admiral points to the Battle of the Japan Sea as a proof that victory depends rather upon the quality and discipline of the personnel than on the strength of armaments. ... He proceeds to contend that Japan's prospects of triumphing in any hostilities which may occur in the future rest on the preparation which are made in time of peace, and appeals to the Navy to turn the experience gained in the war to account in improving the Japanese fleet, and thus enhancing the status of the Empire. In conclusion, Admiral Togo urges the officers and men to bear in mind the old Japanese saying " - atte Kabuto no O wo Shinicyo" (Draw tighter the string of your helmet when victory has been secured.)

PARTABLESHIPS REGISTRATION SINGAPORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRITICIZED.

We take the following editorial comments from the Singapore Free Press of 20th ult. :--We do not think that it can be a matter for other than sincere regret, that the Chamber of Commerce yesterday alternoon passed a vote opposing the Registration of Partnerships Bill now before Council It may perhaps be noted, before making any further remarks, that, little weight can be attached to the resolution in any case, since less than half the firms who are members of the Chamber voted on that resolution, but at the same time it is a matter for regret to our mind, that the attitude of opposition has been fathered by men to whom we are accustomed to look for a far broader view onmatters of general 'policy, than is represented' by yesterday's discussion. We now know that. the majority of the Committee opposed the Bill back over the history of the Bill, but we do Brockman emphasised, did not exist in the loss. record a feeling of decided distaste for the famous things were openly indulged in. remarks of Mr. Parker. The tone of his As Englishmen we are able to value the re- was not sufficient, as vices in these cities spinners. marks for what they are worth and laugh at | were | greater , than anywhere else in the them, but the native traders will accept them world. To remedy this state of things Mr. as the serious views of a merchant with whom | Brockman proposed that the young men of | continues our Tokyo contemporary, and anthey are accustomed to do business, and these towns should recognize the great responthey may do untold harm. Making such sibility that devolved upon their shoulders and statement as "The Government is always should be dead in carnest to fight the sin, wanting to put its finger into the mercan- temptation and vices that beset these cities. tile pot, and they ought to learn to keep Hongkong required young men, Mr. Brockman them out," destroys all the value of the speech, observed, who should be (1) brave, and could and is not a method to be applauded. The not only bear the scoffs, jeers and taunts, of Hen. W. P. Waddell, Mr. Ewold and Mr. their friends, who would threaten them to leave MicArthur all supported the resolution in them if they persevered in their career of fighttemperate language. Mr. Shelford made a ling the evil, but also could withstand evils and good fighting speech from the point of view of temptations, vices and sins; (2) hate sin from a section of the mercartile class, and the Hon. | the very bottom of their hearts, and not only G. S. Murray replied on grounds of much not succumb to them, but could resist its wider scope,

he opinion that this is essentially a matter on of the Colony; and would not only say that they | concludes;-"We wish to avail ourselves of which the community should take a broad sympathised with the cause but, not minding this opportunity to offer some suggestions to view. It is possible the measure, even if their personal comfort and selfish case, would | the Osaka people as to the plan of harbour amended, may cause some hardship on mer- go forward to do all that is required of them; (4) | improvement to be pursued in the future; They chants, though we believe that could be Christian 1/5) could organise and work in union need not to seriously listen to such talk as avoided,-but the Bill is sound in principle as in this campaign of fighting the vices, and making Osaka the national port of Japan, but a good law, and merchants who oppose it can- temptations. On the last point, Mr. Brockman | they should endeavour to make Osaka a good not be cleared from the charge of selfishness. laid great stress, and said that when all the port, sufficient to meet all requirements. By They look at this Bill entirely from their own people who would like us to sin were in a its situation Osaka is doubtless destined to. point of view. This may be excellent policy league against us, we have got, in order to become an emporium for Eastern trade, while in their eyes, but it might be worth remarking be successful, to combine together and work | Kobe will remain the centre of European and that the merchants do not constitute either in organization and union. He exhorted every American trade. Thus the two ports may would not severely suffer if they did not exist. said that evening and not only try to escape | chester and Liverpool. What has so far been The opposers have run away with the idea tempation but also struggle to make his done by way of harbour improvements at Osaka that because they are perhaps the best class to fellow-young men escape falling a prey to appears to be sufficient for the demand that offer expert advice on the details of the Bill, tempation and dying a moral death. they are necessarily the best class to judge of its general effect on the life of the Colony. In this we hold them wrong, and we resolutely support the Hon, G. S. Murray and the Penang Chamber in the idea that the Bill is one of absolutely sound principle which is bound to have a beneficial action on the commercial life of the Colony. In the speeches

spired Government to introduce the Bill,

HONGKONG'S YOUNG MEN.

Mr. Brockman, the National Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in China, Korea, and Japan, whose lecture on "China as a World Power" we reported at length yesterday, spoke again last evening in the Association rooms, to a very large audience of young men. Dr. Ho undertook to interpret the address, passage by passage, for the benefit of those young men who

Mr. Brockman commenced his lecture by

did not know the English language.

saying that Shanghai, Hongkong, Osaka and Tientsin were not the very same places they were so years ago. They were now the chief port towns of the Orient and as such had grown to be big cities. 'However, fifty years ago, Hongkong was a small village wherein a few fishermen dwelt, now it hap, ened to be one of the largest port towns in the world, third in order of merit, only two other places, claiming precedence over it. Hongkong is bound to grow in the coming years and to become one of the largest cities of the world. And, so was Shanghai. Fifty years ago, in our father's time, it was a more village, quite unimportant, the mention of whose existence was never made by the outside world. But the new life had touched Shanghai and Hongkong, people from different parts of the world passed through these cities and settled there, trade and commerce was carried on very grand scales, consequently these cities were fast growing in richness and size.

The rush of these great cities was bound to attract Chinese young men from the interior. In fact, he said, these great cities were going to be models which China was going to make its ideals, during the era which was now dawning upon her. This brought a great deal of responsibility, on the young men of these cities. People from the interior come to the cities, for instance, to get a job. For instance, a young man goes but because they happen to be domiciled in from Nankin to Shanghai or a young man comes into Hongkong from Canton, When this young man gots back after a few years' stay in these cities, people would note his shoes, his coat, his way of doing his hair, etc., etc., because they would think these are the fashions and the manners of Hongkong and Shanghai, But, Mr. Brockman said with evident pain, these great cities, were full of temptation and sin, as the customs of the East and West meet here and coalescing with each other produce another set of customs that are neither Oriental nor Occidental, but somewhere midway between these two.

Mr. Brockman was sorry to say that the

safeguards of both the Orient and Occident were lost in this coalition, and instead of, as might be naturally expected, the best of the two being taken and coalesced, the worst of the East and West was taken and the best thrown away to the winds. The young men who came from the Christian countries, like England, Germany or United States, had to come in touch with the intermediate port towns, which were likewise full of sin and temptation, and instead of their bringing their religion with, them, they seemed to have forgotten it behind The young men who, while at home, used to live in the bosom of their family, amidst their mothers and sisters, and used to go twice in a day to the Church, and never had anything to do with drink, when cause of the climate, they said, and do a lot of otherthings that they would not date do at home. Not that, said Mr. Brockman, there are not young men who do not do so, but, he regretted, there are so many of them who doso. Similarly, terior, where there was the additional disadvantage of there being no Christian religion. The

insidious attacks ; (3) could be counted upon to It is difficult to do otherwise than hold to contribute their mite in helping the good causes ingapore or the Colony, and the Empire young man present to ponder over what he had maintain positions similar to those of Min.

> CEYLON OFFICIAL SALARIES. RACIAL DISTINCTION.

> > A BASIS FOR APPORTIONMENT.

Another unpleasant fact has been brought to made yesterday, the Official Assignee became light in connection with the tactics adopted in a sort of King Charles's head, the speakers formulating the scheme for the increase of could not get away from the title. The As. salaries. The instructions from Mr. Lyttelton signee has, as in duty bound, recorded time arrived in the Colony before the end of Sep. after time his opinion that registration would tember. It was clearly his desire that the Unis quite ascondary, and we take it has not in. Committee which was to formulate the new

sible to inform the Unofficials of Mr. Lyttelton's. suggestion and then if necessary entrust the scheme to the Lieut.-Governor. They also can judge whether even when the scheme was first put forward, the space of three months could not have been used for publishing the connected correspondence. Pettifogging privacy has characterised every step taken in the matter. And in the end a scheme based on racial basis has been carried by a racial vote Even Mr. John Ferguson, who proved to the hilt the utter injustice to which Coylonese gentlemen are subjected under the present scheme and the iniquity of recognising in the Public Service the existence of racial differences voted with the majority. While paying a tribute of praise to the abilities of such men as Morgan. Grenier, Anthonisz, Dickman, Loos, Koch Rockwood and Garvin, not an uncommon device he deserted the interests of the community to which they belonged. Mr. Ferguson has proved himself a master in the art of betraying with a kiss. We hope to review the speecher f. lly at a future date,"

We pointed out that bereft of all subsidiary issues the main objection is that Government has a opted racial distinction as a basis for the apportionment of salaries. It was stated in reply that Ceylonese if recruited in Europe for posts with sterling salaries would receive those salaries. , But the question is will Ceylonese, when present Ceylonese holders of such appointments vacate them, be recruited for them; As was bluntly proposed by Government at first will not such posts come to be regarded as usually filled by Europeans? Thus if Government is not differentiating between persons i is differentiating between posts. The explanation now offered is worse than the thing complained of. It means simply that from some of the higher appointments which 'Ceylonese have held with distinction, they will be excluded for ever, and then not because they lack ability this country. It is the greatest affront which has ever been put on the communities in this Island. It closes up avenues of distinction to Ceylonese which have hitherto been open to every man. It draws definitely the colour line which has been drawn in Australia and Africa by a dominant minority. When this matter comes up before the Secretary of State for the the Colonies, we trust it will be pointed out that this violates the promise and undertakings made by the British Government to the inhabitants of this country whether they be Dutch, Kandyan or Low-country Sinhalese. It is for the representatives of the people to point out how under the present administration their rights have been ignored and the solemn undertakings of the Government violated .- Ceylon Independent.

OSAKA AS A CUTTON PURT.

SPINNERS AND THE NIPPON YUBEN KAISHA. Writing with reference to the contract for next year between the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Cotton Spinners' Union regarding the carrying of Bombay cotton, the Jift Shimpo remarks that the insertion in the new contract of a clause providing for the landing of raw cotton at Osaka marks the opening of a new era for the Osaka harbour and the proposa they came to these places commerced going | will no doubt be received with satisfaction by to shoot birds on Sunday, drink hard be- the people of that city. he contract between the Spinners' Union and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for the transportation of raw cotton has been in force since 1893, when the company I opened the Bombay service, though freight has been subject to alteration every year according was the case of those who came from the it. I to the condition of the market. Despite the fact that, of about 500,000 bales of Bombay cotton imported every year 60 to 70 per cent national customs, the cod of Confucius, the is consumed in Osaka and neighbourhood, the fear of the scan-lal and dread of the family I steamers have hitherto stopped at Kobe, whence members being list, when they come to places the goods have had to be taken to Osaka by like Hongkong and Shanghai, they began lighters. This has not only involved larger going to places, whose name even one could not I expenditure and much delay in delivery, but on the principle, and not on the details, and take in company. Then these cities have lowing to the imperfect accommodation at the in so doing we are convinced they have acted places of infamy, where shameful things are | Kobe Customs, damage to goods has often in error. It is perhaps rather wearying to go openly indulted in, the like of which, by leen cauted by rain, etc., with consequent

not think it would be wrong to state that the places these young men came from. Mr. | Such being the case, continues the Jiji, the principle of the Bill was first suggested, and Brockman said, with a great deal of spinners approached the shipping company subsequently confirmed, by the Chamber itself emphasis, that he had travelled extensively in with the proposal that in future the steamers although it has on the other hand several times | many lands and climes but never came across | should discharge at Osaka, so that they may opposed details. 'The Chamber now goes back' towns anywhere else whose moral atmosphere escape the loss and inconvenience to which they absolutely on the principle. There were two | was more foul than these two great cities of the | are subjected under the existing arrangements. main speeches delivered, those of Mr. Shelford | Orient, He asked any young man to come for- | Although the new measure means additional against the Bill, and of the Hon. G. S. Murray ward and show him where were the streets in expense to the Nippon Yusen Kuisha, apart in favour of the principle. In regard to the European and American towns, where like from the possible abolition of the Government others who spoke against, we are bound to Hongkong and Shanghai, shameful and in- subsidy on the Bombry line from next year, the company has agreed to the proposal of the speech is bound to lower the estimation of the better in these places and was glad to at to supees per ton. The new arrangement Government in the eyes of the natives here, observe that, But, said Mr. Brockman, this will no doubt prove beneficial to the cotton.

The initial plans of the Osaka harbour improvement scheme have now been completed, choring, loading, and discharging operations for large ships in the harbour can now be carried on without inconvenience excepting when a strong westerly wind blows, during the winter. The advantages of the harbour works were often demonstrated during the war, when ships of 5,000 to 6,000 tons displacement went alongside the pier and troops and supplies were shipped without much difficulty. Beginning with February next the Bombay liners will visit Osaka regularly to land raw cotton and the utility of the port will be more practically demonstrated. The construction of sheds, light railways, and course be completed before long. The fift will be made during some years to come, and therefore it is advisable that the citizens of Osaks, instead of embarking on further extensive and expensive schemes, should try to turn to good account what they have already accomplished."

The moral for Kobe in all this is to hasten the improvement of the port's landing be put through their different exercises on the facilities .- Jopan Chronicle.

THE Observer confirms that the British Government do not intend to give Wel-hai-wei up, They have resolved to maintain it as a flying re, ular drill, China moves. naval base and sanatorium for the Chinese. be a good thing, but his opinion in this matter officials in Council should be admitted into the Squadron; but the station will be fortified only in the event of a future emergency requiring that We repeat the Chamber have from time to an Unofficial was admitted behind the scenes. Ply as to the Government intention could be time approved the principle of the Bill, Govern. The instructions of the Colonial Secretary were obtained in the House of Commons, and in ment officials have supported the principle, withheld from them, Even the connected cor- Weighai wei the greatest anxiety was entertain. Penang Chamber of ommerce has declared respondence had to be wrung out from Govern; ed as to the future. A well-known local gentle: itself in favour almost unanimously, a large ment. Till the proposals of Government had man appealed to Mr. J. H. Stowart Lockbart, body of public opinion outside the merchante taken shape, the Unofficials were not admitted, the Commissioner, for definite information, is in favour of it, and of the fifty odd members and then only at an informal meeting of the and Mr. Lockhart referred the question to the of the Singapore Chamber nineteen only could Council, It is now said that all this secrety Home Government, Mr. L. tileton wrote to be found to vote against it. Can it be truly and exclusion of Unofficials, in whom the the Commissioner stating that the Government and Orand Director of Music, public opinion of shipthing like the same weight adopted in order to expedite matters. The Wei-hal-wei was affected by the result of the past Commander, public can wait indus whather it was not post operations in the Far East,"

THE BOYCUTT AT CANTON [From Our Own Correspondent.] A BPLITE IN THE CAMP. Canton, 20th December.

Some people are trying to persuade themselves that the boycutt is losing strength and that it will soon be at an end. It is only necessary to talk with a few of the reliable merchants and "patriots" in order to be convinced that never during the whole of this struggle have the boycotters been more determined to fight to a finish, I asked several merchants to-day, and some bankers also, if the boycott would be called off with the New Year. The answer came quick and straight a Yes, if America changes her treaty." And again, "Not unless there is a change." Perhaps there is not as much talk as there was two months ago, but there is a good deal more work being done to strengthen the boycott movement. Canton ongkong and San Francisco are in almost

continuous communication. Men from Hongkong visit Canton regularly and vice veria, There is, however, one change in the situation. The boycott leaders have split into two factions. There may be weakness in this. These factions are becoming bitterly opposed to each other. The one faction declares that the boycott must continue until the same privileges are given to Chinese entering America as are granted to the people of other nations. It is a demand to be treated as other nations. The other faction asks, for a modification of the old treaty. Those who are allowed to enter must not be subjected to the humiliating conditions of the past. They also ask that the treaty must not be interpreted to exclude all who can be excluded, but it must be given a liberal interpretation. The officials must go by the spirit and not by the letter of the law. I ow these two factions are at war, Those who want only a modification of the treaty are called " traitors;" They are accused of having been bought. They have received large sums of money from merchants to take up this position. This is what the extremists. say... What effect this division in the camp may have cannot now be fold.

It is becoming more and more evident that the Viceroy is one of the best of the boycotters. He has done practically nothing to call off the boycott.' In fact, what he has done has strenghtened the hands of the boycotters. His proclamations have not bate anything against the boycott or the right of the merchants to boycott. All he has said that there must be no coercion. Men are at liberty to buy when and where they please. This is interpreted by the boycotters, ha a declaration in favour of the boycott. In fact the Viceroy has as much as said "You call off your treaty and I will call off the boycott."

The most unfortunate part of the whole business is that the Chinese have been led to believe that the treaty will be modified and this to a very considerable extent. It is very uncertain that there will be any modification of the old treaty. What the Chinere may do when they learn of the refusal of the American Government to make : ny real change is yet to be told. But it is hardly likely that they will take the matter calmly. On the other hand, should there be any material change in the treaty we have then only a rrived at the beginning of the boycott movement. Success now will make the Chinese accept this, method as a universal remedy. In one respect 'at least Old China has passed away,

CANTON AUTES. [brom Our Own Coriespondent.]

Canton, December 29th.

So far there have been very few cases of plague in Canton. A few cases have been reported in different parts of the city. Chan Tsun, a large city about fifteen miles south west from Canton, has not escaped. There have been a large number of deaths from plague and the rate is on the increase. Chan Tsun iz in dirrect communication with Canton and Hongkong.

CUTTING QUEUES, Queues are mysteriously disappearing in the western part of the city, Sai Kwan, The Chief

of Police has been appealed to for protection, There seems to be a few individuals at work capturing children and cutting off their queues. How this is accomplished is a mystery. The children cannot tell how their queues disappear. Some men and women have also been However, he said, he noticed s change for | Spinners' Union, and the freight has been fixed | shorn in this mysterious way. In one section of Sai Kwan over thirty families report missing queues. These families have laid the matter before the chief of police and the matter is now being investigated.

> Canton, Jan. 3rd, 1905. PLACUE.

Kwai-chau, about forty miles south-west from Canton, has been having a had time with plague. Upwards of thirty deaths occurred in one section of the city within a short time.

A half a dozen men wearing the uniform of soldiers and led by a man who passes for a Japanese have been going about the Shun Tak district in the interests of what they call a new insurance society, Robbers have been very bad in the Shun Tak district during the other necessary preparations on shore will of past year or two. There robbers have been cutting the mulberry leaves. In one night these bands can pluck and carry away enough mulberry leaves to make it a very profitable evening's occupation. This new insurance company announced itself through these men to be ready to insure the crop of mulberry leaves. For one dollar an acre the planter was to be insured against all loss and sums varying in amount would be paid for losses, These men have their literature pasted up in several places. The company is alleged to be a Inpanese one. Whether any one has been faolish enough to insure I cannot say, but the offer is a very tempting one and the Chinese are easily fooled, and yet such an offer is such a barefaced fraud that few should be misled,

A GRAND REVIEW. On the 6th of the present moon (Jan. 10th), there will be a grand review of all the students of Canton's many schools. All the boys will be in uniform and will march to the parade ground at the East Gate of the city. These boys have been drilled in the various schools by men appointed by the Viceroy and they will toth. Changes are taking place in young China. Five years ago there was no such a thing as exercise for school boys. Now under Government direction every school must have

In the Hongkong Consistory No. 11, A.A.S.R. The following Ill. Companions have been elected as office-bearers for the year 1906. Ill. Comp. T. Spafford, 30 ...

Grand Commander. Becretary & Treasurer, C. F. Pocker, Master of Ceremonies, Tang Chee, J. Smith. Master of Works, Farmer. C. Lasbriel

R. R. Vdall

O. A. Watkins, 33 H Alde De Camp.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION. GOVERNOR'S CUP.

The shooting for the Governor's Cup for the mouth of December was over the 200 yards range with a possible of 70.

Mr. J. J. Stubbings heads the list and thus is entitled to hold the Cup for the month of Innuary 1906 Messrs, Thomas, Gow and Winterburn each receive a Spoon presented by the Association: Considerable enthusiasm was shown in the shooting for the month, no less than 119 different members attending the various shoots of the month. The membership roll has now reached 213.

The principal scores in the Governor's Cup

competition are as follows :---1. It Stubbings, 67+ to=70, G. E. Thomas, 43+ '4= '7. I. C. Gow 66 scr. = 65. W G. Winterburn, co+ 16=66, 1. Rankin, 48+18=65, H. Macfarlane, 4 +24-65, A. P. Nobbs, 35+30 =65, J. C. Peter, 58+6=64, Capt, Barnes Lawrence, 44+20-61, J. E. Bingham, 40+24 =64, J. A. I.yon, 51+12=63, G. H. Wakeman, 53+10=61, R. R. O. Bird, 46+16=62, D. Tollan 16+16-62, G. A. Hastings, 41+20-62, W. T. Hoskin, 42+20=62, A. R. Lowe, 38+ 24 = 62, Sir F. T. Piggatt, 57 + 4 = 61, E.W. Terrey, 45+16=61, C. H. W. Kew. 37+24= 61, T. F Cochrane, 36+ 24 = 60, C.E. II. Beavis, 53 + 6 = 59. A. Jenkins, 53+6-19, W. Goodfellow, 51+8-59, E. A. Irving, 39+20=59, W. L. Carter 52+ 6 58, A. B. Rouse, 38 + 70 = 59, Hon. Mr. G. Stewart 41+16=57, Hon, Mr. W. Chatham, 17+20=17. J. H. Pidgeon, 14+2=16, T. K. Dealy, 32+24=56, C. H. Gale, 39+16=55, H. . Gedge, 15+ 12= 55, W. B. Royce, 46+8= 54, . 8. Lewingdon, 42+12=54, 1, McCubbin, 40 +14=54. A. Mackenzie, 49+4=53, W. H. T. Davis, 474-6=53. Sir H. S. Berkeley, 29+14= 53. J. Whittall, 48+4=57, H. W. Fraser, 40+ 12=52, 17. Pinckney, 40+12=57, A. Moir 40+10=50, H. P. Phelips, 38+12=50.11;

COMMERCIAL RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO.

DECEMBER CRUSHING Messrs. Benjamin; Kelly and Potts kindly

telegram from Singapore stating that crushing for December realised 591 ounces smelted gold from 3,696 tons stone.

MONTHLY REPORT.

ing and December, 1905,

The accompanying sheet of mine measure. ho'd to fill the vacancy. ments and assay results of prospecting work shows a total of 2741 for the period (4 weeks) under review made up of the sinking. driving, and 191' trosscutting, as against' a total of 195' for the previous four weeks.

Bukit Koman-440 Level, Drive South.-Here 12' has been driven, making the total 87'. The Lode, 37" wide, assays 5 dwt.

440' Level, Drive North .- This end has been extended 18, bringing the total to 71'. The lode is 27 ' wide, and worth 5 dwt.

There is a general improvement in both ends on this level; the lode showing more quartz, while the average grade is being maintained. A crosscut is being nut off from the south drive to connect with the winze from the 340' level;

8 ft. has been crosscut 240' Level, Drive South - This has, been advanced 13', making a total of 700'. The lode, 28" wide, is worth 6 dwt. On the north end of this leader driving has been started to facilitate stoping; it is estimated that we shall have about 30' to drive before connecting with the work from the other side; 15' has been driven during the month on a lode 36" wide and assaying 6 dwt.

Crosscuting for stope filling,-141' of this has been done. Stopes .- The following have been in opera-

Above the 340 Level: 2 Lode 110" and worth

Above the 240 Level: 3 Lode 68" and worth

Above the 140 Level; I Lode 40" and worth

BUKIT MALACCA. No. 2 Level, Drive South.—This has been

advanced 14%, bringing the total to 214% south of the shaft: There is no improvement to

This end has now passed out of the limits. of the are shoot and has become worthless; driving has in consequence been stopped. The stope in the back of this level contains a lode 52" wide and worth 6 dwl; 193 tons have been sent from here to Koman for treat-

No. 1 Level, Crosscut West,-This has been extended 22', making a total of (63', and without change.

"STOPE" MINE. Main Shaft —This has been sunk it! making a total depth of 166'. At 160' crosscutting east was commenced, and 20' has been traversed; the ground passed through is hard and most regular in its inclination, which is

slightly to the East. At the shaft the top and bottom station sets have been put in, and other necessary work is now in hand.

From the surface workings 538 tons have. been sent to the mill, worth a dwt. PLANT AND MACHINERY.

The Huntington mills at Bukit Malacca have for, some time been showing signs of heavy wear, and have necessitated some stoppages for repairs, which accounts for the small tonnage treated.

The new hoist and other machinery are in good working order. Separate milling returns and Cost Sheet accompany this, Milling Returns-4 weeks ending and De-

cember, 1905. BUKIT MILACCA. No. 1 mill ran 21 days ? Crushing 1,646 tons . . 15 . Surface ore. Total tons crushed: 1,887, yielding 141 oz.

smelted gold-1.49 dwt. per ton, Bukit Koman-Stamps working: 40. Period of work: 28 days, less 0.77 days for

repairs and clean up. Ore milled: Bukit Koman 2,641 tons "Stope" 558 ...

Total 3,199 tons. Total amalgam won: 1,677 oz producing 549.312 oz. smelted gold. Average fineness of total bullion; 910 13 Average value of yield: 3.43 dwt. , tailings a dwt.

W. H. MARTIN, General Manager.

SEVEN YEARS' RESULTS. The following comparative table of results for the past seven years is compiled by Messis. Brich Georg & Co.

7 6				Ores crushed.	Gold.
Year	1899		••	14,065 tons	11,274 01
. 0	1900	*** *	.,		12,651
		411,		13,180	18,369
	1901	*** **		31,570	11,8,6
100	1901		**		
	1904	1.17			7,201
1	igns	***		61,701	8,174
10.00	ef .				10 1 19 1

THE "SHRLL" TRANSPORT & TRADING CO., LD.

Following is the report to the 31st Dec. 1904. kindly forwarded to us by Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co.:-The chairman and directors have the pleasure to present the ac'

counts for the year 1904; The Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s accounts for the same period have just been received. The differences between the actual results and the estimated ones for 1903 are now adjusted in

the company's books. Including the amount brought forward from 1903, there stands to the credit of profit and 058 £524,075 78. 1d.

After deduction of management expenses (including office rent, salaries, and expenses), and directors' and auditors' fee, £22,150; income tax, £8,06; os, 11d.; the sum of Liozott 198, 11d. as a provision for depreciation on steamers, installations, &c., writing Lio,000 from the costs and expenses of preference shares issue, and writing £3,713 38. 5d. from American expenses, the balance of profit and loss to be carried forward to the balance sheet is £257,815 178.

After providing for the preference dividend and for the dividend on the ordinary shares of 5% per annum paid on the 1st January of this year (which together absorbed £150,000) there remains to be carried forward the sum of

£107.815 176. The chairman and directors regret the cost of establishing their foothold on the European markets, owing to the ruthless competition they have had to meet, but have thereby secured a position which should have substantial results in the future.

The account of the Nederlandsch-Indische Industrie en Handel Maatschappij are now in order, and the Balance-Sheet as rendered to the Shareholders is certified by Messrs. Turquand, Youngs and Co.

The production of the Borneo fields continues most satisfactory.' Shipments to date this year, as compared with the similar periods of 1904 and 1903, are approximately as

Liquid fuel 125,811 113,720 91,831 Henzine, crude oil &

sundries 34,599 16,619 The weekly production of kerosene for the advise us that they have received a private last 5 weeks has averaged 3,989 tons per week. The chairman and directors record with deep regret the deaths, in November, of their valued colleagues Mr. Isaac Henderson and

Mr. A. Runge. Mr. Philip Arnhold resigned his directorship The following is the General Manager's on the 3rd October, owing to his proceeding Report on the Raub Mine for the month end. on a prolonged visit to the Far East, and the Board have appointed Mr. Harry Edward Arn-

The retiring directors, Mr. S. Samuel, Mr. W. F. Mitchell and Mr. R. J. Black (all of whom being eligible) offer themselves for reelection. The appointment of Mr. H. E. Arnhold also requires confirmation.

The auditors, Messrs. Turquand, Youngs and Con retire under Art. 100 of the Atticles of Association, and are eligible for re-election. (Signed by Order of the Board),

E. A. SMITH-REWSE, The accounts are as follows: l'o management (covering office rent, salaries and expenses), directors' and auditors' fees ... £. 22,150 l'o balance of income tax (years 1903 and 1904)

To provision for depreciation of steamers, with £20,000 in respect of installations, &c., and £950/15.60fspecialextensions 103,021-19 16 o amount written off, costs and expenses of the issue of preference shares 10,000 - 0, 0 o amount written off, American expenses o cost of working European oil business, including provision for results of the trading to 30th April, 1905...... 112,685

To London Oil Development Co., (cost of investment written off)..... To balance carried to balance sheet 257,815 17 0

£524,075 7 By balance from year 1903 (2158,852 18s; od. less dividend paid 1st Jan. 1904, £100,000)£ 58,852 18 By net profits for the year 1904, including charrered and other freights, rents of installations, interest and dividends receivable from the Nederlandsch-Indische Company, the P. P. A. G., and the Asiatic Petro-

leum Company, also further profits from the last named on account of the year 1903 previously estimated......... 465,222 8 £524,075 7 BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1904. Liabilities. To capital authorised and paid up:-100,000 prefere ce shares of £ to each, 1,000,000: 0

2,000,000 ordinary shares of £ t each...2,000,000 0 0 3,000,000 0 0 To creditors :-Bills payable... 34,656 to 10 On current accounts 183,906 3 Unmatured liabilities and

charges upon steamers and installations. &c.,..... 607,583 14 10 826,146 9 0 To drafts current against shipments .j.ecessess.... To dividend accrued to date on preference shares (payable 1st April, 1905 To insurance fund To reserve fund !-Amount as

shown in balance sheet at 31st, December, 1903 To profit and loss account :-

Balance perstate. ment above... 257,815.17. a Deduct preferonce share dividend for one year to 31st Dec., 1901 ... 50,000, 0, 0 APPROPRIATION.

Dividend on ordinary shares paid 1st Jan., 100,000. 6. 0 1905 Carried forward 107,815,17. 0 £207,815.17, 0.

64,477,848,15 5 remain firm with buyers at \$15 for the old and 1 29th uit.

By property of the Company, viz.:--Steamships, freeholds, buildings, wharves, storage works, plant and installainquiries at Tls. 210.

tions, &c. Amount as per balancosheet . Messirs. Sullivan & Co. writing from Shangat 31st Dec. hai, on 28th ult, report's-

ceedsofsales of installations less expenditure in 1904 on extension of installations and on

steamers ... 33,104. 9. 6 -63,015,519, 1. Deduct provision for depreciation of steamers and in respect of installations, &c., viz.;-Amount at 31st Dec., 1903 ... , 394,320.11. 1

Amount added this year 102,071, 4. 5 Amount added this year a/c Special Extension

950.15..6 £497,342.11. 0 By advances to the Nederlandsch Indische Industrie en " Handel Mastschappij, represented by an " Undertaking " to issue 5 per cent, bonds ... 840,000. 0. By Debtors on Current account (including certified estimates of amounts recoverable under Marine Policies) ... By accounts with Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd 173,893. 4.

By accounts with the Nederlandsch Indische Industrie en Handel Maatschappij 69,772,11,10 By unexpired marine insurance premiums and balances in respect of pending voyages... 44,460.16. By stocks of petroleum oil and liquid fuel affoat and in store at cost, freight, and insurance 31.363.15. 8 By sundry stocks 7,893. 8.

By balance of cost and expenses of the issue of preference shares (less £30,000 written off to this date) ... 29,109:18. By balance of Ameri-

can expenses as per balance sheet Add expenditure in 1904 627. 3.10

Less written off this year to profit and loss account 3,713, 3. 5 By shares in the Petroleum Producte Actien Gesellschaft (marks 3,000,000) at cost...... 161,025.14. By shares in the Nederlandsche Indische Industrie en uandel

Maatschappij (Fl. , 2,000,000 nominal, being the capital of the Company) at cost 183,622. 3 By shares in the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Ld., at cost .. : 200,002, 0. By bills receivable in hand..... By cash at bankers £4,477,848:17

WEEKLY SHARE REPORTED

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly & Potts, in their distinctly healthier tone in our market during the week and a larger business has resulted. The demand for stocks, which has been fairly several instances and, what is always a good sign, Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have improved to a considerable extent.

A table of comparative value of stocks on 31st December for the past ten years is appended on the fourth page of this circular,

At the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Union Insurance Society. of Capton, Limited, held yesterday, the special was submitted and confirmed, and the Society is now in a position to deal with the shares in the China Traders' Insurance Company. Limited, in accordance with the terms of the Society's offer.

Banks.—A persistent demand for shares in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has created a the coasting trade, and will do so as long as regular boom in the stock which has been negotiated at advancing rates up to \$805. | year, whilst business has been brisk enough. The latest quotation in London is Log. Nationals are still in request at \$38.

Marine Insurances. - Cantons are offering at the further reduced rate of \$315. China Traders have continued to improve and after sales at various prices are now wanted at \$90. Unions have been done at \$7174 and close in demand at \$720. North Chinas have advanced to Tis. 95 while Yangteres temain quiet at \$170.

Fire Insurances.—China Fires have gone up to \$90 and are inquired for. Hongkong Fires are steady at \$330.

Shipping.-Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have changed hands at \$15 and \$254 at which latter rate more shares can be placed. Indo Chinas have hardened and close at \$92; in Shanghai, shares are in request Tis. 651. China and Manilas have been sold at \$20. Douglas Steamships have risen and are wanted at \$16%. Star Ferries can be obtained at \$32 (old) and \$23 (new). Shell Transports are quoted at 22s. 6d, ex the dividend of is, paid in London on the is instant.

Refineries.-China Sugars have improved to \$205. Luzons have been placed at \$25. Mining .- Chinese Engineerings have again changed hands at Tis. o. Raubs have been disposed of at \$4 and now close at \$44. Private. advices from Singapore state that during the duty. month of December, 3,696 tons of stone were crushed for a yield of 591 ounces of smelted THE Suwo, ex. Pobledo, has arrived safely at inverted into the Treaty by the U.S. Govern-

Docks, Wharves and Godowns .- Hongkong | badly battered. and Whampon Docks are quiet at \$164: since declined to Tls. 124, at which rate shares | Hongkong at Manila, Newchwang, Siam, are obtainable. Kowloon Wharfs are inquired | Madras and Burma, for at \$108. Hongkew Wharfs have exin demand at Tis. 225,

Lands, Hotels and Buildings,-Hougkong | the naval authorities. Lands have been dealt in at \$125. Shanghal kong Hotels have ruled steady with sales at on the 16th ult. No lives were lost, \$150. Humphreys Estates have advanced to

Miscellaneous.-Green Island Cements continue in strong demand at \$181; but holders THE Governor has been pleased to grant local will not part except at higher prices. A. S. rank of captain to Lieutenant C, 14, Coleman,

at \$14} for the new shares. Bell's Asbeston IT is now officially announced that Baron GENERAL Baron Oku was to leave Tiehling have changed hands at \$71. Dairy Farms can be placed at \$15% and William Powells are wanted at \$10%. Langkats are firmer and have

SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

. By the arrival of the Viceroy of the province and the Governor of Soochow under imperia commands, the tiots have ceased for the present, but the settlement is still under arms to prevent, if necessary by force, any further, disturbance. In consequence, our market is in active and no freedom in dealing is possible The Christmas holidays have also interfered and there is but little to record excepting the necessary squaring up for the annual settle ment. London exchange is slightly easier and is quoted at 2/10) for T. T. For 3 days' sight in Hongkong the rate has been lowered to 701 Consols £891.

Wharves.—Shanghai and Hongkew Whatf Co.'s shares have been largely dealt in for the settlement from Tis, 2074 to Tls. 210, whilst for March Tls. 220/221 has been paid. Kowloor Wharves have been placed locally at \$107 and exc. 701. Vangtize Godowns are wanted. Shipping .- Indo-Chinas have been dealt i

for cash and this month's account at Tis, 65. For March, Tls. 674 has been given. Dock. - Farnham Boyds & Co. have declared an interim dividend of Tls. 4 payable 6t proximo. The stock rallied temporarily, but beyond a spurt of 3 points the market was generally maffected and to-day there are free sellers at Tis. 130/129. Business is announced for the clearance at Tis. 131/130 and for March at Tis. 1331/132.

Lands.—Shanghais are in demand at Th

Sugars.—In the absence of business, rates are nominal. Cottons.-Ewos have been forced to-day a Tis, 44 ex. div. | 1.aou-Kung-Mows have had attention at Tls. 54 for each and Tls. 57 for

Mining,-Nothing quoted. Tobaccos.-In Sumatras there is nothing doing. Langkats have been placed at Tls 2071/209,210 for cash and account. March Tls. 2171, Tls. 220/2221 are reported.

EREIGHT.

and Rogge write:the position of this market has remained quite

they are reported, comprise a further fixture from Hongay to Canton at \$1.75 per ton, a charter from Wakamatzu to, this port at \$1.40 per ton, and the engagement of a medium, sized steamer second half January loading Salgon to 1 port N. C. Java at 24 cents per

Nothing definite is known as to when the

condition of the new Saigon crop's grain will permit of export on any large scale; it is ussafe therefore to a .y v hen Saigon shippers may approach this market with extensive chartering orders. The chances are that during all January freights will be ruling dull, adversely influenced as they are also by other causes. Prices for Japan coal continue high, and would seem to make business; to Southern ports anyhow, almost impossible. The Hongay mines will close up from 5th January to 10th February, in connection with the Chinese New Year which falls due on the 25th prox., and Yangtse freights, what little there might have been of them for outsiders, cannot be counted upon for prompt now since the new likin tax is reported having come into operation after the 25th instant, and is interfering with fresh chartering for the present. 'As for shipping prospects generally for, 1906, if there has been a very poor Saigon report of 5th inst., write:-There has been a crop last season, the recent war has for places. The repairs to the Klanefod's engine the greater part of the current year helped are expected to occupy two months. many steamers to profitable employment, and, if reports may be trusted if next year's Cochinincrease in tonnage in Eastern waters will have to be reckoned with. An improvement in tramp freights at home, and the dull times 'now experienced out here, have been instrumental already in the removal from Eastern waters of some few boats, of others it is which, we think, will be of interest to our rumoured that they will be going, but many more may accept homeward charters and yet leave a sufficiently large number to compete. I is probably correct to assume that freight-rates in the South during the ensuing year will resolution referred to in our pravious circular largely depend upon whether the "Northern trades will eventually absorb so large a percentage of the ava lable tonnage as some claim they will, also, whether or not Japanese-owned steamers will enter the open market to compete for freights in Southern waters. from Bangkok, the liners now monopolize

present arrangements list. During the current outsiders had only occasionally a freight allowed them to Singapore or this port, and just a few only could chip in under some time charter engagements.

We have nothing new to advise concerning sail freights, there is no sail toppage loading on the berth. Disengaged :- British ship Celtic Chief,

1,709 tons net reg., British bark Rose, 822 tons net reg., British 4-m. bark Simia, 2,037 tons net reg, and Norw, ship Ofra, 1,198 tons net

Departures !- None. LOCAL AND GENERAL.

On the 8th prox, the China Squadron leave for Manila and Saigon.

GOVERNMENT contemplates the extension Conduit Road east and west. THE plague return for the year just ender

shows 304 cases, and 286 deaths. Sir Claude Macdonald has presented h credentials as Ambassador.

CAPT. B. L. Beddy, Army Service Corps, le on Saturday, per s.s. Oceana for Weihalwei for

Lands have changed ownership at Tis. 120, THE Norwegian whaling steamer Regina, 24 West Points have found buyers at \$55. Hong- tons net, was totally wrecked off Ulsan, Korea,

THE Governor has appointed Mr. C. H. Ross Cotton. Mills.—Quotations are practically to be a lieutenant in the Hong Long Volunteer Corps with effect from the 3rd inst.

Watsons have been fixed at \$13. Electrics 5th Battalion Lancashire Puelliers, from the

Mumm von Schwarzenstein, Gorman Minister, to China, has been made German Ambassador to Tapan.

COMMUNICABLE diseases notified as having occurred in the colony during the week ended 30th ult. were-diphtheria i, enteric fever i, and small-pox 1.

Mariners are notified that the log siren at the Wakkanni lighthouse is temporarily stopped during repairs. The notification is dated from Tokio, 12th inst.

MR. Denman. Fuller, F.R.C.O., L R.A.M., gave another organ recital in S. John's Cathedra last evening, when a large congregation was given an hours muscial treat. IN our account of Mr. F. S. Brockman'

lecture published in our Thursday's issue,

the gentleman who so ably interpreted, the

lecture was Mr. Cheong Tsoi, not Mr. Ng Nin THE new Japanese battleships Kojima and Katori, now being completed in England, are expected to arrive in Japan by August next,

The Kajima was launched in March last and

the Katori in July.

THE Naniangpao says that the lease of Weihaiwei depends on the lease of Port Arthur, and hence the negotiations on the matter, wit the British Minister can begin only after the new treaty with Japan has been published,

SIR Robert Hart has expressed to the Waiwupt and Hupu the opinion that it is very difficult to carry out the plan of an opium monopoly in China; and H. E. Tieh Llang proposes therefore to adopt some other plan of raising money.

THE Peking treaty opens the following towns to foreign trade: Fenghuangcheng, Liaoyang. Hsinmintun, Tiehling, Tungchangtse, Changtu, Fakumen, Changchun, Kirin, Harbin, Hunchun, Sansin, Tsitsihar, Hailar, Argun, Manjuria, the town.

In a case in Bankruptcy, Jurisdiction on Thursday, before His Honour, Sir Francis Piggott, Chief Justice, it transpired that Chinese sign-hoard of a business the sale of which included also the good-will of the In their report of 31st ult. Messrs, Lamke | business, often commanded \$50,000.

Since issue of last circular on the 15th inst | THE total quantity of China ten cleared for home consumption in the United Kingdom unchanged, there is next to nothing doing for this year was 5,000,000 lbs. compared an 9,900,000 lbs. last year, and 12,700,000 lbs. The settlements of the fortnight, as far as 1903. The quantity cleared of Indian ten was 123,500,000 lbs., and Ceylon 74,800,000 lbs MR. William Maxwell, the war correspondent

who is accompanying T.R.H. the Prince an

Princess of Wales on their tour through India,

before he left England completed his book on the Russo-Japanese war. It will be published by Messrs. Hutchinson. Mr. W. H. Mudford has undertaken to see the volume through the THE Straits Times understands that H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught is expected to assisted by Captain E. S. Ward, A.D.C., were arrive at Singapore on February and en route | most untiring in their efforts to make the time for lapan. In honour of the occasion, all 'the'

local Chinese Clubs are organizing a monster

leave Singapore on the ard of February. THE fact that the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Co. has secured the contracts for the tenairs of the Poyang and Kiangfoo has evidently caused some searching of competitive hearts, says the N. C. D. News. The Poyani has been docked, and it is found that her whole bow is smashed, her stem being broken in two

A CHAIR coolie was charged at Shanghai las general, has had the effect of raising prices in china rice crop is a large one, an enormous week with plying for hire without a license, within the Settlement, contrary to Municipa regulations. A fine of \$1 was imposed in the usual way, but the Magistrate made a strong objection stating that he did not recognise th sedan chair tax. He gave his consent to th fine under protest and marked the charge sheet as follows:- "\$1 deposited, to await conside-

> A MERTING of Americans was held at the American Consulate-General at Shanghai on 20th ult, with the view to forming an American Volunteer Company. The Hon. J. L. Rodgers after discussion, an Organising Committee was appointed, also Finance and Bye-law Committees to make the necessary arrangements and report to another meeting to be called on diner opened the case and called the plaintiff to

the 5th of January. As this journal has on several occasions been prosecuted for unwitting and unimportant inblication of reports concerning the movements were issued at the commencement of the war. we have satisfaction in noting that these regu- | defendant with costs. lations were vesterday (11st ult.) formally withdrawn. As it is now some four months since the hostilities ceased, it cannot be sald that th authorities have exhibited any undue haste in this matter. - Kobs Revald.

ADMIRAL Togo Masamichi died on 24th uli at the Maizuru Naval Hospital, He was taken ill shortly after the conclusion of the Kido, Marquis Wakayama, and other war. Vire-Admiral Togo Masamichi, as he was known to distinguish him from the Commander-in-Chief, was commander of the third squadron during the war, and was engaged in most of the fighting. Before he breathed his last the deceased officer was decorated with the Second Order of the Golden Kite, carrying with it a pension of Y1,000, and the Second Class of the Order of Merit.

THE Sinventuo states that Vicercy Teen Ch'un-hauen has telegraphed to Sir Chentung Liang, at Washington, that a number of liberal suggestions made by certain. American citizens for the new Chinese Treaty with the U. S. are quite acceptable to the people of China, and adding that if these suggestions can be actively | held in Freemason's Hall, Zetland Street, last Sasebo. Her after-mast is gone and her hull is ment, there are those in China who will use their utmost efforts to stop the boycott on American goods and will undertake to bear Farnhams were booked at Tls. 126 and have SANITARY measures are now adopted against all blame and punishment if there are further disturbances and trouble caused by the people.

FOLLOWING are the returns of the average perienced a further substantial rise and close ON and after the 1st January next, the signal amount of bank notes in circulation and of station at Victoria Peak will be in charge of specie in reserve in 'ongkong, during the month ended 31st December, 1905, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks.

Average Specie Amount. in Reserve, Banks. . Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, \$3,418,617 \$2,300,000 Hongkong and Shanghal Banking Cor-National Bank of China, Limited,..... 63,410 Total,\$18,940,293 \$12,340,000

on the rat of Japuary, and Talien on the 4th. General Nogi will leave Tichling on the 4th, and Tallen on the 7th. General Nosu will leave Tiehling on the 7th, and Talien on the roth. General Krawamura will leave Tiehling on the 10th, and Talien on the 13th. All are thus expected in Tokio before the end of Inpuary, reports a wire to the N. C. D. News.

THE Japanese Government has decided to redeem the fourth issue of Treasury Bonds. Redemption to the amount of Y40,000,000 will take place between the arst and the 31st March next, the drawing of lots being held on the 5th February. Another Y40,000,000 will be redeemed between the 16th and 25th April next, the drawing of lots taking place also on the 5th February, and the balance will be redeemed between the 16th and 25th May. This arrange. ment was to be officially gazetted on the 20th inst. in Tokio.

THE King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:-" Ordinance No. 8 of 1905, entitled-An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding five million seven hundred and seventeen thousand two hundred and seventysix dollars to the public service of the year 1906," and:" Ordinance No. 11 of 1905, entitled -An Ordinance for raising the sum of two million pounds by loan for the purpose of defraying the cost of a railway from Kowloon and for other railway purposes,"

ON the 21st ult, the Walwupu wired Minister Wang Tah-hal of London that the following four items shall be asked from the British Foreign Office. I .-- Removal of the Vice-Consul Twyman. a.-Dismissal of the Police Inspector who was the course of the fracas. 3.-Hersafter detention of Chinese prisoners shall be in the hands of the Chinese authorities. 4.—The purely Chinese cases shall be heard by the Chinese tribunal. Minister Wang has replied that the British Foreign Office has not consented to the same yet. The negotiations are progressing and he is doing his best,

ON Tuesday in Summary Jurisdiction, His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge, presiding, Chiu Hok Chai sued B. Pintos for the recovery of the sum of \$170, being balance due from defendant to pinintiff for money lent. Mr. F. Paget Helt, of Messrs, Brutton, Hett and Goldring appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. E. J. Grist of Messrs, Wilkinson and Grist, for the defendant. Mr. Grist consented to judgment, but asked for payment by instalments. Judgment was accordingly given for plaintiff with costs, the amount due to be payable by monthly instalments of \$5, commencing from '1st February next, defendant to have the usual credit for the agreed costs.

DURING yesterday afternoon His Excellency, Major-General Villiers Hatton, and Mrs. Villiers Hatton, were "at home" at Headquarters House, to some 150 children of the Colony, who had been invited to a party in the extensive grounds adjoining the House, and there the small guests enjoyed all sorts of games and other forms of entertainment. His Excellency and Mrs. Villiers Hatton, very capably pleasant and enjoyable for the little ones, who did not leave the "pleasure ground" emptylantern procession, etc., which is timed to reach | handed, for each child carried away a very nice Government House at to p.m. H. R. H. will tov, just suitable to his or heriage and sex, nfter u delightful afternoon - 37

> WHEN His Honour, Mr. A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge, took his seat in the Summary Jurisdiction Court on Tuesday, a case of Lau Kuk Chow against the Shanghai Life Insurance Company, Ld., for the recovery of the sum of \$39.00 alleged to be due by the defendant company to the plaintiff, on account of commission and ricksha hire, was called on. Mr. C. F. Dixon, of Mr. John Hastings's office, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. F. Paget Hett, of Messrs. Brutton, Hett and Goldring, appeared for the defendant company.-Mr. Hett said that before the case proceeded he must point 'out to the Court" that the plaintiff was an undischarged bankrupt, and therefore had no right to sue, and applied that be be nonsuited,-His Honour: Non-suited, but I will make no order as to costs.

BEFORE His Honour, Mr. A. G. Wise, in Summary Jurisdiction, on Tuesday, Rochi Ram sued Hasssamuil Hatchand for the recovery of the sum of \$65, being the amount alleged to be due for money lent by the plainpresided. There was a large attendance and, tiff to the defendant, Mr. R. Gardiner, of Mr. "O. D. Thomson's office, represented the plaintiff, and Mr. F. Paget Hett, of Messrs, Brutton, Helt and Goldrin, the defendant-Mr. Garprove claim-Mr. Hett, in cross-examination, elicited the fact that the money was lent in Shanghai, not by Rochi Ram personally but by the firm of which he was a member, Mr. Hatt fractions of the regulations prohibiting the pu- then said the plaintiff could not sue in his own name; the suit should have been brought by of troops and warships and other matters, which | the firm-The Court held that the suit was wrongly brought, and gave judgment for

> THE new cruiser Taukuba, built at the Kure Naval Yard, was launched on 26th ult. in the presence of his Imperial Highness the Crown. Prince.. His Imperial Highness, who arrived at Kure on the previous day by the cruiser Iwale, landed about to o'clock on Tuesday morning, attended by Admiral Togo, Marquis war-ships in the harbour fired salutes as Imperial Highness landed. Admiral Arim Commander of the Kure Port Admiralty. on behalf of the Minister of the Navy, read the address, and Captain Yamanouchi. Director of the Naval Yard, severed the cord, liberating the cruiser, which was successfully launched amidst deafening applause. After the ceremony the Crown Prince retired, and the guests invited were served with a cold collation; There were present over 1,000 officers and various officials,

> AT a Regular Quarterly Communication the District Grand Lodge of Scottlah Freemasonry in Hongkong and South China, week the following were elected as District: Grand Lodge officers for 1906

District Grand Master Depute, Mr. Bro, F. Howell, Substitute Grand Master, J. Dicida. District Senior Grand Warden, J. I. Andrey A. Waskins. . I. Horley. T. Spafford. Junior Grand Warden, Brand Secretary, Benior Grand Chaplain,
Junior Grand Chaplain,
Benior Grand Deacon,
Junior Grand Architect,
Orand Director of Ceremonies Fittock.

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C. Jack. (1) Sword Benrer Organist, Bro. Bro. Bro. Bro.

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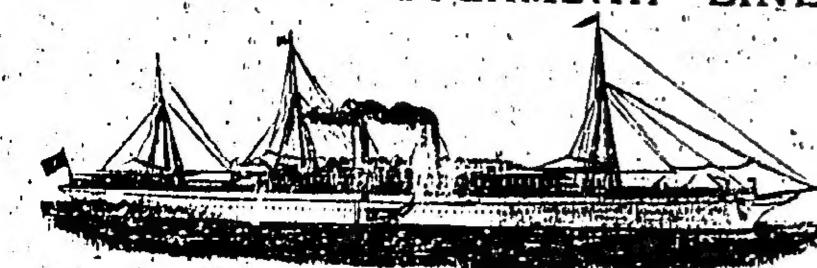
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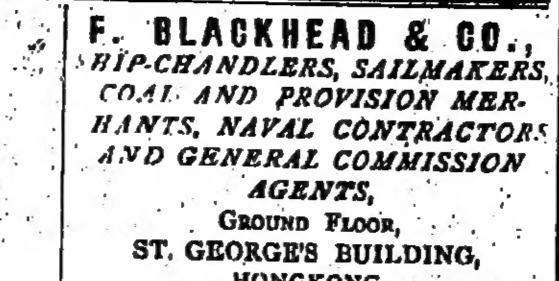
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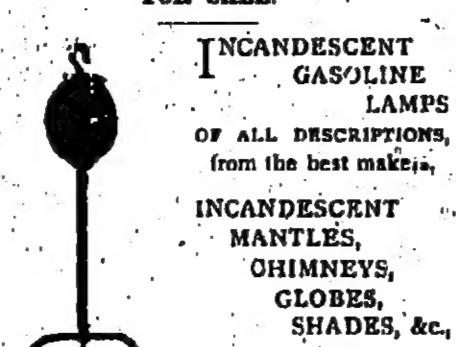
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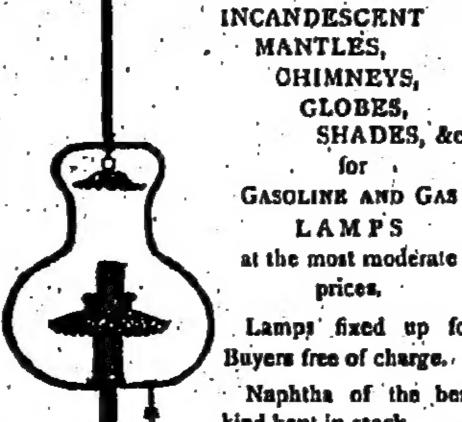
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BY GRACE GOODALE.

Ah, friend of me, I know not why: I turn: To you in every stress of toil or pain. only know that somehow I can gain Quiet and courage from those sombre eyes, That in your silent presence I can learn To meet, less shaken, my allotted fate, More steadily to lift and bear the weight That hopelessly upon my spirit lies.

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The deep world-pain that claimed you from

Who break the solitude in which you live? Not mine such power; a helpless human touch Of loving faith-I can not count it much-Yet take it, friend, and judge you of its worth. -Reader (October).

COMMERCIAL.

"WEEKLY SHARE REPORT;

Reviewing the share business for the week, distinctly healthier tone in our market during the week and a larger business has resulted. sign, Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have improved to a considerable extent.

which, we think, will be of interest to our-

At the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, held yesterday, the special resolution referred to in our previous circular was submitted and confirmed, and the Society is now in a position to deal with the shares in the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, in accordance with the terms of the Society's offer.

Banks .-- A persistent demand for shares in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has created a regular boom in the stock which has been negotiated at advancing rates up to \$895. The latest quotation in London is £73. Nationals are still in request at \$38.

Marine Insurances.-Cantons are offering at the further reduced rate of \$315. China Traders have continued to improve and after sales at various prices are now wanted at \$90. Unions have been done at \$717 and close in demand at \$720. North Chinas have advanced to Tls. 95 while Yangtszes remain quiet at \$170

Fire Insurances.-China Fires have gone up to \$90 and are inquired for. Hongkong Fires are steady at \$330.

Shipping.-Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have changed hands at \$15 and \$254 at which latter rate more shares can be placed. Indo-Chinas have hardened and close at \$92; in Shanghai, theres are in request at Tls. 651. China and Manilas have been sold at \$20. Douglas Steamships have risen and are wanted at \$364. Star Ferries can be obtained at \$32 (old) and \$23 (new). Shell Transports, are quoted at, 221. 6d. ex the dividend of is, paid in London on the ist

Refineries.—China Sugars have improved to \$205. Luzons have been placed at \$25.

Mining.-Chinese Engineerings have again changed hands at Tis. 9. Raubs have been disposed of at \$4 and now close at \$41. Private advices from Singapore state that during the month of December, 3,696 tons of stone were crushed for a yield of 591 ounces of smelted

Docks, Wharves and Godowns,-Hongkong and Whampon Docks are quiet at \$164. BAKERS in the Colony, Farnhams were booked at Tls. 126 and have since declined to Tls. 124, at which rate shares are obtainable. Kowloon Wharfs are inquired the price (\$2), post free. are obtainable. Kowloon wharis are inquired To be obtained from THE MUTUAL STORES, for at \$108. Hongkew Whatfs have experienced a further substantial rise and close in demand at Tis. 225.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.-Hongkong Lands have been dealt in at \$125. Shanghai Lands have changed ownership at Tls. 120 West Points have found buyers at \$55. Hongkong Hotels have suled steady with sales at \$150. Humphreys Estates have advanced to

Cotton Mills.-Quotations are practically unaltered.

Miscellaneous.-Green Island Cements continue in strong demand at \$181, but holders will not part except at higher prices. A. S. Watsons have been fixed at \$13. Electrics remain firm with buyers at \$15 for the old and at \$144 for the new shares. Bell's Asbestos have changed hands at \$7\$. Dairy Farms can be placed at 515 and William Powells are wanted at \$104. Laughats are firmer and have inquiries at Tls. 210.

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Intimations.

THE BRIGHT SIDE of life. It is a feeling common to the majority of us that we do not get quite the amount of happiness we are entitled to. Among the counts less things which tend to make us more or lessmiserable ill health takes first place.," Hannah More said that sin was generally to be attributed to biliousness. No doubt a crippled liver with the resulting impure blood, is the cause of more mental gloom than any other single thing. And who can reckon up the fearful aggregate of pain, loss and fear. arising from the many ailments and diseases which are familiar to mankind; like a vast cloud it hangs over a multitude no one can number. You can see these people everywhere. For them life can scarcely be said to have any "bright side", at all. Hence the cagerness with which they search for relief und

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 17th January, until SATURDAY, the 20th January, 1906, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. General Managers. Hongkong, 5th January, 1906.

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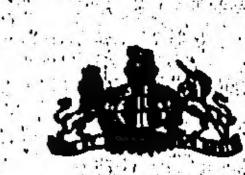
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Ohe Honghong Celegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1906.

AMERICA ON CHINA.

Numerous subjects are dealt with by the

Executive Committee of the American As-

most important questions considered at

terprise in China and the hoyeott. It

Canton-Hankow railway, which have bulked

so large in the minds of people in Hongkong.

All we are told regarding the latter line is

that "this syndicate, known as the American-

China Development Co., released to China

all its rights, for a suitable consideration,

and the line is now proposed to be built

under Chinese auspices, with the aid of a

loan, contracted largely through British

channels. Thus a scheme, much vaunted

as an American enterprise in China, has dis-

appeared from the field," Of course, "this

bald statement does not by any means ex-

press the full or actual facts, but it gives in a

condensed form the real position. Another

paragraph again refers to the anxiety of the.

Chinese to retain the control of the Chinese

railway system within their own jurisdiction.

It is rather to be regretted that no comments

have been made on this subject, for while

we have had a great amount of German and

well as British remarks have been mostly

confined to desultory references to the

difficulties imposed by the Chinese in the

way of railway development. Nobody knows

better than the people of Hongkong how

earnestly the construction of the Canton-

. Hankow railway has interested those involved

in Chinese affairs, how many men have

been living in hopes that the construction

would be carried out by an American or

Anglo-American syndicate; but not a word

of this appears in the report of an Associa-

tion which should be particularly well-

informed on the point, Nothing is said

about the Canton-Kowloon line, although

the report is supposed to reach the 29th

of December. In a curiously-worded para.

graph, reference is made to the hoycott. The

report says; "The boycott movement has'

developed since the date of our first cable

the Committee's solicitude. It has become

complicated with other movements so as to

be no longer a matter for settlement merely

between America and China." As a matter

of fact there has been no real complication,

at least in so far as South China is concern-

ed, unless, of course, the Lien-chau tragedy

be deemed a result of the movement. We

entirely agree with the sentiment that : "The

situation is one which requires the utmost

wisdom, prudence, and self-restraint, and

particularly so on the part of the Govern-

ment of China." But all this is simply a

matter for America and no other country is

concerned, unless very indirectly, in the

hostilility manifested towards the New

general statement is made with regard to the

Anglo-Japanese alliance and a definite and

of China is assured, we are told, and "The

welding of the former limited alliance of

England and Japan into a positive alliance

for defence and for the maintenance of the

status 'quo in Eastern and Southern Asia.

seems to afford to China and the Far East

an opportunity of peaceful development,

such as has not been known since China

was opened to the world." Reference is

of trade-marks registration, currency reform,

the Chinese Commission and various other

topics. On the whole the report is optimis-

tic in character, and without that bias which

too often enters into the conception of the

World, its people and its products.

On the 5th instant, at the Government Civil

Ordinary businesse unmunications should be addressed THE Governor has appointed Mr. C. II. Ross to be a lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer The Editor will not undertake to be responsible for Corps with effect from the 3rd inst.

THE Governor has been pleased to grant local rank of captain to Lieutenant C. . . oleman, 5th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, from the

MR. Denman Fuller, FR.CO., LR.A.M., gave another organ recital in S. John's Cathedral last evening, when a large congregation was The pestage on the weekly issue to any part of the given an hour's muscial treat,

IT is announced that Mr. Fletcher, F. Brockman will deliver a lecture in the Y.M.C.A. Institute, European Department, at 3.30' p.m. to-morrow. The subject is "The City of the."

eating in India, by Mr. David Hooper and Dr. H. Mann, is published, which shows that this curious practice is not yet extinct, clay being still sold in the bazzars in Calcutta for eating purposes.

This morning Inspector Langley charged 15 boatmen and women, before Mr. F. A. Hazeof the Harbour rules,—anchoring in prohibited | ing coffee that is never found elsewhere. localities, not having valid licences, etc. They were each fined \$5 or 14 diys', and cautioned.

sociation of China, but, probably, the two Two Japanese were placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland this morning by Inspector Collett, those which relate to American railway encharged, with being vagrants. It appeared that they had worked their passages from Japan in recognised that the completion of the Pekingthe Nippon Maru, and landed here without Hankow railway is a "notable event," and any money, or visible means of subsistence. the construction of the first section of the They were remanded to the Bouse of Deten-Shanghai-Nanking railway is also allowed

to be a step in advance; but little is said PROGRAMME of music to be performed by the about the Canton-Kowloon line, or the Band of the 119th Infantry on the New Parade Ground, on Monday next; from 4 to 5.30 p.m.;-

March "Sons of the Brave " Bidgood Overture Plotte Bursche "......Suppé Walte Waldteufel Dance The Japanese Dance "..... Thomas Two-Step Mumbling Moss "in Thurban God save the King.

At noon yesterday Inspector Collett raided No. 414 Des Veeux Road; and there arrested sixteen men indulging in a game of pai-kau. The men were all arrested, and the paraphernalia, cards, money, etc., were seized. This morning they were placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland. The leader was sentenced to pay a line of \$50 or two months' hard labour, and the rest \$2 or seven days' hard labour, '

THE current number of the Hongkong Government Gazette is issued in a handier form. From' the former Crown, folio, the size is reduced to one of footscap folio, and is get up after the style of the Straits Gazette. It is printed in clear, legible type. The official publication from a printer's point of view is issued faultlessly, and does credit to the old-established Belgian criticism on the point, American as firm of publisher., Messrs. Noronha & Co.

> THE Australian steamer Talyuan, which is at present in the harbour has on board, in charge of Mr. Geo. Turton; thirteen Australian mares consigned to the Yokohama Race Club. These animals are fine specimens of the Australian breed. Some of them are almost thoroughbreds while the others are three-quarter bred. might be interesting to know that the Japanese Government requires the Yokohama Race Club to import all mares, so that they can be used for stud purposes after their racing career

> FOLLOWING are the returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in 1 angkong, during the month ended 31st December, 1905, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks.

Average Specie Amount. in Reserve. Banks. Chartered Bank of India, Australia and

China, \$3,418,617 \$2,300,000 Hongkong and Shangmessage to an extent which fully justified

hai Banking Cor-National Bank China, Limited, 63,410

Total,.....\$18,910,293 \$12,340,000

DURING yesterday afternoon His Excellency, Major-General Villiers Hatton, and Mrs. Vil. along; easily and in good style. The last liers Hatton, were "at home" at Headquarters House, to some 150 children of the Colony, who had been invited to a party in the extensive grounds adjoining the House, and there the small guests enjoyed all sorts of games and other forms of entertainment. His Excellency and Mrs. Villiers Hatton, very capably assisted by Captain E. S. Ward, A.D C., were most untiring in their efforts to make the time pleasant and enjoyable for the little ones, who put to the test for three-quarters of a mil did not leave the "pleasure ground," emptyhanded, for each child carried away a very nice | 36 sec. toy, just suitable to his or her age and sex, fter a delightful afternoon,

pleasing conclusion arrived at. The integrity DR. Fenwick, of Accrington-who is said to have discovered a cure for cancer-told Storning Leader representative that he has been engaged in the research for nine years, The nature of the remedy is very simple, and he claims that by it he has already absolutely cured nine cases. On one patient almost every kind of known treatment had been tried unavail. ingly, and the growth threatened to destroy the patient's eyes. Dr. Fenwick applied his specific, and not only did the cancer disappear, made in a perfunctory, way to the questions but there is now a new growth of healthy skin, That patient is now at the Manchester Royal Infirmary under observation. Dr. Fenwick has worked on the theory of the Imperial Cancer Research Committee that cancer is due to the proliferation of cancer cells, and that to stop the proliferation would cure the disease.

THE RACES.

MORNING GALLOPS AT THE COURSE.

Saturday, 6th January. Once against the Race-course is assuming that animated not to say festive appearance which usually distinguishes" it immediately prior to the Race meeting. Old sports are turking out in full force, and, what is better, ladies are gracing the preliminary canters.

Cold is no word for the raw atmosphere. which exists at the Race-course of a morning. The raw winds that blow across the course create a healthy appetite for the matutinal cup of coffee. It takes some courage to rise almost before daybreak, dress in comparative darkness, and forget that there is such a thing as a downy bed. But there is the thought of the coffee counter at the course, and that makes matters easier.

bed if a blizzard were blowing and Hongkong principal hotels in Hongkong are situated in had been transported to the Arctic Circle, the immediate vicinity of the Clock Tower, REMARKABLE scientific paper on earths. rather than miss the training of the bnimals, and it is a dream to hear how visitors refer That is what makes these reunions so delight: to those clanging notes, which ring out ful. A man is never half so approachable as just at the most inappropriate moment, neglige fashion and free from business worries, reached the arms of Morpheus-to use that See him at the coffee table, and then see him classical reference which has so often done later in the day at his office intent on business. duty-out come the chimes at the critical There is no resemblance. And the best acquaintances are formed on the race track, land, at the Magistracy, for various breaches. There is a flavour in that early cup of steam. the bells of the Clock Tower during the day,

> Vernon, who is better known by his racing soubriquet of "The President," turned up at the course this morning. He was given a sports'man's welcome, and has promised that he will attend regularly.

The ladies deserve the highest encomiums for appearing at the early morning canters, Most of them were the wives of owners, and their presence gave a distinct charm to the proceedings. A keen sportswoman like a keen sportsman is always to be admired, and we all had the greatest pleasure in their attend-

Training is just commencing to be in earnest. It is not long now till the meeting takes place, and there is a good deal of hard work to be done to bring the ponies up to the mark. To-day, the measuring of the ponies was begun. Judging from appearances, the meeting next month should prove as interesting, and perhaps more so, than a good many of its predecessors. A few steady gallops were made, and the times are on the whole satis factory, especially at this early stage of the

Many expressions of sincere regret were evoked by the news of the sudden and sad death of Mr. Rose, who was the owner of tw subs, of a very promising character,

That staunch supporter of the turf, Mr. E. W. Mitchell, has not yet made his appearance on the course, owing to an unfortunate accident to his hand. We all hope that he will not remain long absent from the morning assembly. Some of the times in the gallops this morning were worth noticing, and should prove of interest to those who care for sport. They are appended?

Hongkong Bank's black-and-chestnut sub., 2 m., 35, 1.11, 1.47. Dorabjee's blk. and Meier's Handsome, 1 m.

36, 1.15, 1.54 2/5, 2.30. Hough's and Shewan's subs., 4 mile, 38, 1.10 H. Humphreys's sub., 1 mile, 37 3/5, 1.12,

H.E. The Governor's white and dun' i may 37, 1.16, 1.51. Ellis Kadoorie's, 1 m., 40, 1,20, 2,00, 2,35,

Moxon's sub., 7 m , 1.42. Mody's Black Cherry, 1 m , 1st. qr. (?), joined by Dr. Jordan's sub., 4m., 37 2/5, i.15, 1.48 3/5. Mr., Griffin's subrand Banzii, 7 m , 39, 1.18,

Mikosch and Giesson's sub, 1m., 35, 1.12 1.50, 2.25 2/5. Alarm and, Highland Star. (sub.), 11 m., steady canter, 40, 1,38, 2.18 2/5, 3.00, 3.44,

* EARLY BIRD.

The ponies are greatly improving, and the style of some while on the "go" is like that io,000,000 of small horses, notably the donkey-tailed pony who moves well, and if he maintains his present form will probably shake things up or

Alarm and Mr. Macdonald's white-star sub. went three quarters of a mile. They moved

quarter was covered in 33 seconds. Mr. Newall's pony went a mile with The Schoolmaster (Grafton)." They covered that

distance in 2 min. 30 sec., last quarter 34 sec. Mikosch and Mr. Forresi's sub rattled off i mile in 2 min. 25 sec., last quarter 34 sec. Mr. Cruickshank's chestnut griffin went the

same distance and did it in 2 min. 381 sec., his last quarter being 37 sec. The well-known pony C1-Canny was also

which was covered in 2 min. 7 sec., last quarter The next on the scene was Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's sub. A one-and-a-quarter mile distance was his test." His last three-quarters was done in 1 min. 52 sec., which it seems did

not entirely please his owner. Mr. H. Humphreys's rat tail pony was put to half a mile which was done in 1 min 12 sec. while Mr. Moxon's two griffins covered three-

quarters of a mile in a min. 43 BEC. Some minutes later a few ponies were measured by Mr. White. Following are the measurements:- .

Mr. Dorabjec's Andromeda (No. 12) made quite a fuss when approached, and a blanket was thrown over his head. His height is 13h. 22in.

Mr. Babington's grey (No. 1) 12h, 32in. Mr. Moxon's grey (No. 3) 12h. 3in. Mr. Owen's Greyton 13h. Jin. Mr. Craig's griffig 12h, 3hin. Mr. Jupp's (No. 6) 13h.

THE RIDING BOY.

"ALAS, THOSE CHIMES!"

ANOTHER CLOCK TOWER QUESTION. A correspondent writes:-Much has bee written of the Hangkong Clock Tower, and is apparently useless to expect that the Government, will take any steps for any considerable time, if ever, to remove that obsession from its present site. But might an appeal be made on behalf of hotel residents and those living on the lower levels to obtain a cessation of those terrible chimes during the night? Of course, I do not want to be unreasonable, and I quite admit that the chimes are necessary during the early part of the evening, if any one is to know the time by this veteran of the public service. One of the clock dials is in durkness and the others are so badly lighted that the inquirer is only lost in doubt when he gazes on their shadowy" faces. But who wants the chimes after mid- | Sional avecations... night and before six o'clock in the morning? Of course, the real "sport " would get out of Not your humble, that is certain. Half the moment, and the whole business of trying to "get off" has to be repeated. Nobody hears

by the row are the Indian watchmen. But who could wish the slumbers of these virtuous and netted the first goal which the Alatrity did not reposeful members of the community to be dis- lose time to equalise. But the Hecla had the turbed? Who expects that they would be best of the game, and another goal was added awakened by anything, especially when doing to the score. Final: Hecla 2; Alacrity 1. their honest duty, of guarding 'a godown? Sometimes they sing in concert, like a Welsh glee club, and then it is a question which is the more hideous, the so-called chimes or the Indian songsters. When Gabriel blows his horn it is to be feared, that the Indian watchings will sleep through it all, and awaken to find himself in a worldless world, if the paradox be allowed. But all this does not affect very directly the ordinary resident, who ha nerves, from being affected by the clamous of the bells and the clatter of their most un musical cadences. Their existence might be pardoned in the day time, but at night, and particularly after midnight, they are an absolute unisance, neither called-for nor pardonable. there is a member of the genus komo who appreciates the wakeful concatenation of nois Ithen he must be a rarity, to be labelled for exhibition at the City Museum, which is all to poor in such objects as attract, the travellevisitor. The ball, in fine; when rung in the stillness of the shift are intolerable; they are of little use at the best of times, none whateve when all honest people sliould be sound asleep

CROWN LAND SALES.

LOT ON BOWEN ROAD,

A sale will take place at the Public Works Department on the 22nd inst., at 3 p.m., of one lot of Ciown land adjoining I. L. 1711; on Bowen Road. The lot contains 5,000 square feet, and will be sold subject to an annual rent of \$34. The upset price is \$1,250. One of the conditions to be complied with by the purchaser is that a sum of \$15,000 must be spent on rateable improvements on the lot within two years of purchase.

A KOWLOON SITE.

On the 22nd inst., at 3 p.m., the Land Public Works Department, K. I. L. 1171, situate on Austin Road and Austin Avenue, Kowloon. It has an area of 19,031 square feet, and the annual Crown rent is \$152. The reserve price is \$5,710. The amount which is stipulated to be spent on rateable improvements is \$10,000.

NEW TERRITORIES.

Land in the New Territories appears to b coming into favour, if judged by the number of applications made to Government for allotments. On Monday next, at 3 p.m., seven lots of from 319 to 360 square feet will be put up to auction at the Ping Shan Police Station. The upset price is only \$4, per lot, and the Crown rent aftached to each is \$1 per annum.

ANOTHER MIKE.

The peace of the neighbourhood of No. 5 Police Station was disturbed, and the slumbers of the inhabitants of that district rudely broken, this morning, at about 3 35 o'clock, when the fire bell rang out the alarm that the fire-fiend was once again ronning amok in their vicinity The Fire Brigade, under Chief Inspector Baker, lost no time in repairing to the locality, indicated, when they found that a fire had broken out in the Kwong Man Foo, Chinese and Jhpanese store, at No. 7, Wing Sing Street, of which Kwong Pok Shan was the master. The fire fighters quickly got to work, and soon had their hoses playing on the flames, which in the stillness of the moining had no chance to spread, and in half an hour had the fire in subjugation. No. 7 Wing Sing Street is a threestoreyed house, and the fire is at present believed to have broken out on the first floor, probably through the bursting of a hanging lamp, which the fokis suspend at the foot of the staircase leading to the floors above, as the staircase was the most burned portion of that floor, but the actual origin remains, for the present, a matter of supposition. The upper floors were slightly damaged, chiefly by water, but the ground floor remained intact, save only for the dripping through of the water. The amount of the damage could not be ascertained, though it was not expected to be very considerable but the place was covered by insurance to the extent of \$13,000, divided as follows: Royal Exchange Insurance Co. \$2,000"

London and Lancashire Mesirs. Butterfield and Swire are the local agents of the two first named. Companies, and Mesers Sassoon and Co. of the third.

SANITARY BUARD KLECTION.

In the current issue of the Gazette, it is notified that, by command of His Excellency the Governor, and pursuant to section 8 of The Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903. (No. 1 of 1503) as amended by section 3 of The Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance, 1903, (No. 23 of 1903), an election by the rate-payers of two members to the Sanitary Board will take place at the City Hall on Monday, the 22nd of January, commencing at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The following persons will be entitled to vote. at the election, that is to say :-

(a.) Rate-payers who are included in the special and common jury lists for the year 1905. (b.) Rate-payers who are exempted from serving on juries on account of their profes-

The election will be conducted in accordance with the rules contained in schedule C to the above named Ord nance.

Voting will commence immediately after the nomination and continue until 6 p.m., when the ballot-box will be closed.

No rate-payer will be allowed to vote unless when he turns up in the morning, clad in When the weary wayfarer has almost he produces to the undersigned the receipt for the rates paid by him for the month of December, 1905.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

On the naval football ground at Happy Valbut when the streets are clear of shouting, ley yesterday afternoon a match was played Our popular and genial friend, Mr. J. Y. V. ri ksha coolies and fighting chair-carriers they between H.M.S. Heela and H.M.S. Alacrity. sound like the thunder of a dozen cannon fired. In the first half both teams played a very even off simultaneously. The only people undisturbed game and were attacking alternately. In the second half the Hecia moved rapidly, and soon

. In the second round for the Soldiers

Football Club Challenge Shield the R. G. A. played H.M.S. Diudem, on the Military Football ground yesterday afternoon, when a large gathering was in attendance. When the team from the flagship lined out on the field, it was noticed that Le Page, their right back, and one or two others were substituted. The leather was soon put in motion and the sailors commenced to press, but it was noticed in a moment when the Artillerymen made one or two brenkaways that the Diadem's defence was not what it used to be, It must be said that Mr. Bell and his forwards played an excellent game, but the Fates were against the m; for when the Artillerymen made their attack Norman, the flagship's goalie, trying to throw out the sphere, must have taken it between the sticks for the referee ruled a goal, although

Before half-time the soldiers had decred their second goal to the Dindem's nil The Linden had the best of the best of the but notwithstanding their best of the bly and the tremendous shot Bell treater the best of the but to, no scoring resulted. Again they tried, and Bell, after a pass from Lawrence, sent the ball past Patterson. It was a splendid game, and the R.G.A.'s goalkeeper deserves great credit for the work he did in goal. Result: R.G.A., 2 Diadem, t.

many of the lookers-on questioned his decision.

INSURANCE AND MURDER.

REMARKABLE PLOT.

THREE SENTENCES OF DEATH,

A despatch from Chihuahua, Mexico, announces that three Americans, Hurbert, Mitchell and Harle, are to be shot for murder, Phis schience marks the end of an extraordinary conspiracy to cheat the New York Life Insurance Company, and the end of a trial lasting three years. Hurlbert and Mitchell were two worthless attorneys who, for a small consideration, obtained a "divorce Surveyor will offer for sale, by auction at the for anyone." Their divorce mill, as it was called, had many clients, but in opening. With the help of Dr. Harle they

life insurance swindling they saw a better poisoned with strychnine two Americans whom they had coused to be insured, and collected £5,000 on the policies. Thus encouraged, they made a speciality of plundering from the insurance companies, and prospered exceedingly until the arrival in Dallas, Texas, of adetective named Gray, who posed as a timber merchant, Gray was a trap set by the insurance officials to catch the miscreants. He secured the confidence of the men, and was told of their plans for swindling. In one instance a broken-down man, near death, John Evans, was imported. Mitchell posed-as Evans, and two doctors pronounced him a good risk. This was their lavourite method of swindling. When Evans died the gang collected the money. Their depredations led ultimately to their arrest for poisoning, and the trio, having exhausted all the appeal courts in Mexico, are now doomed

When arrested Mitchell threw himself into cataleptic state. People believed him to be shamming, but the most powerful ammonia held at his nostrils had no effect. Pins and needles were driven into various parts of the body, and remained unneticed, For days and weeks he lay apparently dead, and when put into a tank of water still showed no evidence of life. At last whisky was introduced into the man's nourishment, and the effect of the stimulant upon a stomach practically empty made him drunk. In a few minutes he commenced staggering about his cell, cursing the law, and vowing vengeance. Medical specialists believed that Mitchell threw himself into a sort of hypnotic state which baffled -scientists for a long time.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

German (Pring Waldemar) 7th inst. Indian (Kutsang) 9th inst. American (Dorie) roth inst. French (Caledonien) 10th inst. Canadian (Alhenian) 11th inst. German (Prins Sigismund) 14th inst. Canadian (Empress of India) 17th Inst.

The O. S. S. Co. & C. M. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Antenor lest Singapore on 4th inst., and is due here on oth inst.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. Caledonian, with the next French mail, will leave Salgon to-day, at

3 p.m., for this port. The s.s. Zafiro left Manila for Hongkong via Amoy lyesterday, at 5 p.m., and is due here on

9th inst, at daylight, The C. P. R. Co's s.s. Athenian arrived at Nagasaki at 8.30 a.m.; on 6th inst,, and leaves again at 4 p.m., same day, for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m., on 8th inst.

TELEGRAM.

Reuter's.

The Morocco Conference. "LONDON, 4th : January.

There is renewed apprehension on the eye of the Morocco conference. The Spanish and Italian press are most pessimistic; and the latter is remarkable for a distinct note of hostility to Germany. Even the Berlin press, in spite of official assurances, shows uneasiness owing to rumours of German military preparations.

The United States and the Morocco Conference. Later.

A remarkable semi-official statement has been issued in Washington, to the effect that the United States, in virtue of having wiped out piracy, and of having concluded the first treaty with the Barbary States, has a right superior to any European State, in deciding critical questions at the Morocco conference.

The American Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. Alexander Orr has been elected President of the New York Life Insurance Co. in succession to Mr. McCall, resigned. Both of the McCurdys have resigned the trusteeship of the New York Mutual Insurance Co.

The Australian Mail Service.

The Royal Mail Co. has entered into an agreement with the Orient Line for the join working of the Australian Service, which will henceforth be known as the Orient Royal

OSAKA AS A CULTON PORT.

SPINNERS AND THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Writings with reference to the contract for next year between the Moppon Yusen Kusha and the Cotton Spanners' Union regarding the carrying of Bombay coton, the Jiji Shimpo remarks that the insertion in the new contract of a clause providing for the landing of raw cotton at Osaka marks the opening of a new 'era for the Osaka harbjur and the proposal the people of that oily." The contract between the Spinners Union aid the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for the transportation of raw cotton has been in force since 18 3; when the company opened the Bombay service, though freight has been subject to alteration every year according to the condition of the market. Despite the fact that, of about 500000 bales of Bumbay cotton imported every/year, 60 to 70 per centis consumed in Osakaland neighbourhold, the steamers have hithertestopped at Kobe, whence the goods have Hid o be taken to Osaka by lighters. This has for only involved larger expenditure and mich delay in delivery, but owing to the impered accommodation at the Kobe Customs, datage to goods has often been canted by rin, etc., with consequent

Such being the cae, continues the Jiji, the spinners approached the shipping company with the proposal that in future the steamers should discharge at baka, so that they may escape the loss and heonvenience to which they are, subjected under the existing arrangements. Although the new measure means additiona expense to the Appon Yusen Kaisha, apart from the possible bolition of the Government subsidy on the Ilmbay, line from next year, the company hasigreed to the proposal of the Spinners' Union and the freight has been fixed at to tupees perton. The new arrangement will no doubt prove beneficial to the cotton

The initial plans of the Osaka harbour improvement science have now been completed, continues of Tokyo contemporary, and anchoring, loaling, and discharging operations for large, sips in the harbour can now be carried on hithout inconvenience excepting when a strong westerly wind blows during the winter. The advantages of the harbour works were often emonstrated during the war, when ships of 5,00 to 6,000 tons displacement went alongside the pier and troops and supplies were shipped warout much difficulty. Beginning with February ext the Bomb syliners will visit Osaka regularly a land raw cotton and the utility of the port wil be more practically demonstrated. The constuction of sheds, light railways, and other necessary preparations on shore will of course le completed before long. The Jiji conclude:-"We wish to avail ourselves of this appointing to offer some suggestions to the Osika people as to the plan, of harbour improvement to be pursued in the future." They need not to seriously listen to such talk as making Isaka the national port of Japan, but they should endeavour to make Osaka a good port, inficient to meet all requirements. By its sination Osaka is doubtless destined to become an emporium for Eastern trade, while Kobewill remain the centre of European and American trade. Thus the two ports may mainain positions similar to those of Man cheser and Liverpool. What has so, far been con: by way of harbour improvements at Osaka opears to be sufficient for the demand that yil be made during some years to come, and terefore it is advisable that the citizens of taka, instead of embarking on further densive and expensive schemes, should try to tra to good account what they have already complished." The moral for Kobe in all this is to hasten he improvement of the port's landing

THE WEATHER.

scilities .- Japan Chronicle.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg. First Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory :-On the 6th at 11.55 a. The barometer is inclined to fall on the China coast. Pressure remains highest over N. China, and gradients are slight to moderate.

Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N part of the China Sea. Forecast :- Moderate NE. winds ; cloudy, probably some rain.

RAUB AUSTRALIAN GULD MINING CO.

MONTHLY REPORT.

The following is the General Manager's Report on the Raub Mine for the month ending and December, 1905.

The accompanying sheet of mine measurements and assay results of prospecting work shows a total of 2744 for the period (4 weeks) under 'review made up of I' sinking, 72 driving, and 191' crosscutting, as against a total of 195' for the previous four weeks.

Bukit Koman-440 Level, Drive South,-Here 12' has been driven, making the total 87' The Lode, 37" wide, assays 5 dwt. 440' Level, Drive North. This end has been

extended 18', bringing the total to 71'. The

lode is 27 ' wide, and worth 5 dwt. There is a general improvement in both ends on this level; the lode showing more martz, while the average grade ist being maintained; A crosscut is being ; ut off from the south drive to connect with the winze from the 340, level

8 ft, has been crosscut. 240' Level, Drive, South. - This has been advanced 13" making a total of 70 . The lode, 28" wide, is worth 6 dwr. On the north end of this leader driving has been started to facilitate stoping; it is estimated that we shall have about 30' to drive before connecting with the work from the other side; 15t has been driven during the month on a lode 36" wide and assaying 6 dwt."

Crosscuting for stope filling .- 141' of this has been done.

Stopes .- The following have been in opera-

Above the 340 Level: 2 Lode 110" and worth

Above the 240 Level: 3 Lode 68 " and worth

Above the 140 Level; I Lode 40" and worth

BUKIT, MALACCA. . ' V.

No. 2 Level; Drive South. This has been advanced 141, bringing the total to 2141' south of the shaft. There is no improvement to

This end has now passed out of the limits of the ore shoot and has become worthless driving has in consequence been stopped. The stope in the back of this level contains

will no doubt he received with satisfaction by a lode, 52 " wide and worth 6 dwt; 193 tons have been sent from here to Koman for treat-

No. 1. evel; Crosscut West.-This has been extended 22', making a total of 163', and with

"STOPE" MINE.

Main Shaft -This has been sunk rr', mak ing a total depth of 166 . At 160 crosscutting east was commenced, and 20' has been traverted; 'the ground passed through is hard and most regular in its inclination, which is slightly to the East.

'At the shaft the top and bottom station sets have been put in, and other necessary work is now in hand

From the surface workings 558 tons have

been sent to the mill, worth 4 dwt. PLANT AND MACHINERY. The Huntington mills at Bakit Malacca have for somertime been showing signs o heavy wear, and have necessitated some stoppages for repairs, which accounts for the small

tonnage treated. The new hoist and other machinery are in

good working order. Separate milling returns and Cost Sheet ac Milling Returns-1 weeks ending 2nd De-

cember, 1905. BUKIT MILACCA.

No. 1 mill ran 21 days ? Crushing 1,646 tons surface ore, Total tons crushed: 1,887, yielding 141 pz smelted gold = 1.49 dwt. per ton. Bukit Koman-Stamps working r 40. Period of work: 28 days, less 0.77 days for

repairs and clean-up. Ore milled: Buxit Koman 2,641 tons.

Total 3,199 tons.

Total amalgam' won: 1,677 oz producing 549.312 oz. smelted gold. Average fineness of total bullion: 910 13 Average value of yield: 3 43'dwt.

, tailings 2 dwt. W. H. MARTIN,

General Manager.

SEVEN YEARS' RESULTS. The following comparative table of results for the past seven years is compiled by Messrs.

+	Georg &			Ores cru	ished.	Gold.
Year	1899			14,055	tons	11,274 6
38	1900	***		19,116	* 1	12,6;1
11	1901	***	444	13,180		18,:69
10	1902	***	440	31,570		11,8,6
99	1903	No.		12,563	1.0	10,375
6.	1904			. 37,554		7,201
24	1905	***	160	61.702		8,174

THE GANERAL ELECTION.

PREPARED FOR THE STRUGGLE. · The imminence of the General Election finds the headquarters of the various political organizations fully-prepared to adequately cope with the situation. Recent changes at the Conservative Central Office have, to a certain extent, handicapped the party managers, but it is confidently anticipated that between now and the date of the dissolution any weakness will be remedied; and a vigorous campaign conducted. One of the features of the struggle promises to be a deluge of pictorial posters and electioneering literature. From the Conservative headquarters there will issue a remarkable series of posters and leaflets, and the Liberal Publications Department are not behind in their arrangements to assist candidates in this direc-

the Tariff Reform League and the Free Food League are also prepared to enforce their arguments with numerous effective posters. The attitude of the Tariff Reform League is simply that of assisting candidates pledged to support Mr. Chamberlain's policy. No list of such candidates is kept at the offices in Victoria Street, but wherever the help of the league is

sought it will be rendered. So complete is the general preparedness that in both political camps the belief is expressed that the coming contest will mark the highest point of expert organizing that the country has witnessed .- P. M. G.

THE FAMINE IN NORTH JAPAN.

Mr. William Lampe, chairman of the Foreign committee of relief, writes, under date the 26th ult., to the Lipan Chronicle as follows :-

The rice crop of Japan this year is 17 per cent, below that of the average year, and only three-fourths of last year's crop, which was, however, a phenomenal yield. The shortage of 17 per cent, means a loss of eighty-four million yen to the farmers, but if this loss were distributed evenly throughout the length and breadth of the land, few foreigners would know of it except thuse who are interested in statistical tables. Much more than one-third of this loss is in the three ken Miyagi, Fukushima, and I wate.

Miyagi Ken, the worst of all, because of the failure of the rice and other crups, has suffered to the extent of eighteen million yen, about Y20 to every man, woman and child, or more than Y too for every family in the ken. Rich people, merchants in the towns, and certain others, will not feel, this directly. The middle class of farmers who rely on the rice harvest for the support of their families, must sell or mortgage their land. The lower middle class who farm rented land have no crop and no land to sell. Officials say that this will be one of the hardest classes to help; for these people, accustomed to work in the fields, only ordinary coolie labour can now be found. Many of them, however, have clothing or some articles of household, furniture; these must be sold to eke out a living until next

What might be called the lower class is especially large in the north. Financially this is the process part of Japan. The soldiers of the Second Division who come from this region especially distinguished themselves in the late. war, but whatever may be said of the bravery, sturdiness, and honesty of these peeple, not many of them are rich in this world's goods. this year when food-stuffs usuat be brought in from the outside, when they have no money to buy after the food is brought in, and when the propest people must receive help from somewhere. In Miyagi Ken more than one-third of all the people, and in the three ken some 700,000 out of a population of 3,000,000 are already on the efficial lists as paupers (kyumin) and unless looked after by village, town, and city offices many of them will soon die of hunger.

As much land was tilled as in other years the people working hard, but there, was too much rain and too little sunshine, and when the crop, was harvested it was found that the heads, which looked almost the same as in other years, contained only juice which shrivelled up and did not become grains of cice. This is one reason why it was not known until quite recently that there is a famine in the north,

. The policy o the officials is to give no help except where absolutely needed. The tax offices are of course open, as always, and, as i right, all who can must pay. Many will suffer inconvenience and many will know by experience what are the pangs of hunger, but somehow or other more than 2,000,000 of the people' will be able to get along. But what is to become of the 700,000 kyumin That is as large an army as fought on both sides in any battle of the late war.

The standard of living is already low and the sacrifices made because of 'he war have made this still lower, but there is an irreducible minimum, the people must have something to eat No one is to be allowed to actually starve to death. In order that there may be no epidemic among the poor, their food is being carefully examined by official physicians. The straw cakes, acoms, and other unpleasant food are not especially injurious; they satisfy the cravings of hunger and will keep life in the hody. A very small quantity of food will suffice to keep a person alive, but life cannot be sustained for many months on the diet of these poor people. And besides, the supply of acorns

and other nuts will be exhausted by February. The Government, national and local, is doing, all in its power to provide relief work but as yet there are no plans to care for the sick and the aged. In time of famine in India after the Government has done all it could there is still occasion for private charity. So here in North Japan there is much room for generous giving to help the people in this their time of great

THE WILLS OF SOICIDES.

The Lancet says; -"Eight months ago 'hookmaker' committed suicide;' and at the inquest the jury returned a verdict to the effect that he had slain himself, whilst he was tempotantly insane. By his last will, made shortly before the fatal act, he had left over £2,000 to some lady friends with whom he ladged. 'In the Probate Division of the High Court, on Nov. 8, his relatives sought to upset this will contending that he was mentally incapable of making a will at the time alleged, for the verdict indicated that he had not the sound disposing mind which is essential for the execution of such a legal instrument. The President, however, pronounced for the validity of the will. A coroner's jury can only deal with the state of mind of a successful sel murderer at the time of his death, it has no thing to do with the mental condition of a prisoner whom the coroner commits for murder or for manslaughter. Its opinion as to a suicides state of mind has, apart from life insurance practice, very little forensic weight attached to it, should subsequent legal proceedings arise in connection with the death. That opinion cannot be given as a proof, but merely or "lethargy" of Central Africa, from which as an indication of the facts of the case. Since early in the reign of George I, it has been doubtful whether the finding of an inquest jury to the body by the bite of a fly, and finally evidence in a trial of an issue out of Chancery of that fact. Last year it was claimed in vain that has been working on the problem since that death by suicide during temporary insanity ance policy. A suicide's last act is allowed to | which he proved to owe its dangerous results stand, although he be immediately afterwards | also to the communication of an organism to declared to have been insune,"

NOTED BABY FARMER.

A REMARKABLE WOMAN SENT TO GAOL.

A remarkable career is now to undergo a further development. Last month at Cardiff Mr. Justice Lawrence sentenced Henrietta Hunter, described as a housekeeper, to to years' penal servitude for the attempted murder of a child at Swansca.

She received the child from another woman, and after tying its bonnet over its mouth abandoned it in a ditch.

Though she was indicted in the name of Henrietta Hunter, a Bristol detective, who said that her finger prints had been taken by the Metropolitan police, declared that he knew her as Dora Johnstone, a notorious baby farmer. She had "done time" for obtaining a cheque

by false pretences, and also for stealing a

piano; but baby farming was her chief pursuit,

GETTING RID OF CHILDREN. She would-it was stated-get hold of illegitimate children under a false name, and would generally make appointments at railway stations. She would then hand the children

over to poor people. When she appeared at Bristol Police-court on one occasion women turned up with seven children, which she had handed to them to

take charge of. ... Only the previous night-said the officer-he saw a person to whom she handed a child over two years ago, and beyond a sovereign at the time she had not received a farthing.

During the time that the accused lived at Bristol two young babies were found abandoned in the city; -

. A FURNITURE DEAL. In 1904 she lived in one of the best suburbs of Bristol, obtained furniture on the hire system, made the acquaintance of a young man who was about to be married, and sold him the furniture for £110.

While in custody on the charge of stealing a piano, the police discovered that she had been in the habit of advertising in various papers under false names. In this way she got hold farmers have no work for even themselves, the of a number of children, which she afterwards handed over to poor women, who did not hear from her again.

> Another police officer gave the names of women to whom he alleged prisoner had given babies in Glasgow and hwansea, after pretending to adopt them.

· In passing sentence, Justice Lawrence said the prisoner's conduct was extremely astute. clever, and very heartless.

She insisted that she was not the woman referred to by the police; but Inspector Wall said he had nodoubt whatever as to her identity. . FAYS SHE IS INNOCENT.

This remarkable woman has communicated, to a representative of the "South Wales Echo" the following autobiography:

"I am 38 years of age, and was born at Glasgow. My maiden name was Henrictta Brown. I lived in Glasgow until I was ten years of age, and then went with my parents to Carlisle.

" I had one brother and two sisters, who are still living. I lived with my people till I was 17 years of age at Carlisle, when I went to Newcastle-on-Tyne with an aunt and lived there for six years. I was educated at Kelso High Schools.

"I do a lot of oil painting, and also play the piano and hanjo. I have given singing lessons, and also speak French.

HER MARRIAGE ROMANCE.

"When I was 22 years of age, I was married to a Mr. John Thomas Johnstone, of Newcastle, a builder and contractor. My parents were against the marriage, thinking I was marrying someone beneath me, and refused to allow me

" For the first eight months of our married life we lived at Newcastle, and then went to America. We lived in Hamilton, Canada, for about three years, my hushand being manager of a cotton factory there.

"We then returned to England to Newcastle and lived there about four years, and afterwards went to London, where we lived till 1906-

" My husband then joined the City of London Imperial Yeomanry, and went to the South African Wan. When the campaign ended he joined Baden-Powell's Mounted Police, and I have not heard from him since.

. .. WHEN HER HUSBAND LLFT. "When my husband went to Africa I took to kiving music lessons and teaching painting in London. I did this for about a year, and then went out to Calcutta as a travelling companion with a lady, and stayed with her there about a year, when I got an appointment as sewing maid to the Maharajah of Kuca Behar,

and I stayed there about fifteen months. "I then returned to England, and got a situation as companion housekeeper in Manchester. I stayed with this lady until about eight months ago, and travelled all over Eutope with her.

"Eight months ago I went as housekeeper to Mr. Collis, at Meydd-st., Swansea, and was with him up till the time of my arrest. adopted the name of Hunter about twelve months after my husband went to Africa, and I did this because I have not heard from him.

MYSTERIOUS TWIN SISTER. "I have a twin sister who is very like me and whose name is Dora Johnson. She is the wife of a sea captain, but has not lived with her husband for years. She has of late lived at Newport (Mon.) and Swansea."-Morning Leader.

THE SLEEPING SICKNESS.

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

The mysterious and fatal "sleeping sickness" no victim has yet escaped, is now definitely known to be due to a blood parasite, conveyed that a suicide was lunatic can be received in | reaching the brain. The discovery has been made by a British government commission 1902. Its head, Col. D. Bruce, had previously was an accident within the terms of an insur- solved the mystery of the tectse fly's fatal bite, I the blood of bitten cattle or other animals.

Says an editorial writer in "Engineering" (London, October 6), describing the methods

and results of Colonel Bruce: "There were many features suggesting a fly-borne disease. With the assistance of the native authorities, he collected all the insects of the district, carefully keeping those from different localities separate, and studying their habits. A species of Glossina, the "Glossina palpalis, was soon singled out as the most likely cairier of the sleeping sickness, and maps were prepared marking the spots in red or blue at which the fly occurred or did not occur, and other similar maps, showing the distribution of the sleeping sickness. When superposed, the two maps were found to be in good agreement. Thus i was ascertained that the sleeping sickness is chiefly prevalent in the jungles on the banks of rivers and lakes; the fly does not voluntarily move for more than a few hundred yards from these jungles. Many natives in these districts were found to be suffering from infection by 'Trypanosoma gambiense," Flies feeding on those natives injected monkeys on which they were allowed to bite in the course of weeks or months. The length of the period after, which the protozoan will make its appearance in the inoculated monkey depends upon the time which has passed since the fly took up the trypanosoma from an infected animal. If more than 48 hours intervened, no infection takes place. The infected monkeys suffered in all respects like m in; they fell into the same listless tethargy and became prone to all sorts of diseases. Must of these tsetse flies captured in districts infected with the disease, were proved to be carners of the disease. There was, thus, no doubt left as to the direct connection of both the "Glossina palpalis" and

"The full course of the sickness is not cleared-up yet, however," The fly sucks up the protozoan with the blood of the animal it bites, The protozoau passes into the stomach of the fly, and out again through the proboscis together with the saliva. Whether the fly itself suffers, as anopheles, the carrier of malaria, appears to do, is not settled. In the blood of the infected man the protozoan multiplies, but not necessarily to any great extent. The victim hardly feels any pain on being bitten, and for one, two, and even three years no wrong may be suspected; for it is only when the protozoan reaches the cerebrospinal canal that characteristic symptoms are observed. The blood vessels of the brain then become obstructed, so that the brain is no longer nourished. The lymphatic glands of the neck, particularly, also become affected."

So far, we are told, the disease has proved absolutely fatal, although arsenic promises some chance of relef.; More than one hundred thousand people succumbed to the sickness, in Uganda from 1901 to 1904, and the majority of the people in the infected districts appear to be doomed. That most of the victims are natives is due to the fact that they expose themselves freely to the fly and refuse to believe its bite dangerous, says the writer. "It is not to be wondered at that they will

not believe in the fatality of flybite which they do not mind at the time, and which is not supposed to act until years afterward. The natives of the shores and numerous islands of of the Victoria Nyanza, which is shallow in those parts, dangle their legs in the warm water, and do not trouble to brush away the fly which settles on their limbs. The white man is more careful, of course. The administrator of the district had all the jungle surrounding his house cut down, and the whole house made mosquito-and fly-proof. That precaution cannot everywhere be applied in its full extent; but it is satisfactory to know that it is effective. What is to become of the poor native, who, even when alive to the danger, is too weak to ward off the flies which are eager to feed upon him, is hard to say. There seems to be no help whatever for him. Isolation would be of no use in these cases unless vigorously applied in the sense that the natives of an infected locality are forbidden to leave their district lest they should feed flies not, so far, infected. Such a quarantine has been persisted in, but only in cases where medical science could reasonably do something for the imprisoned patients. In this instance the doctors are, so far, powerless.

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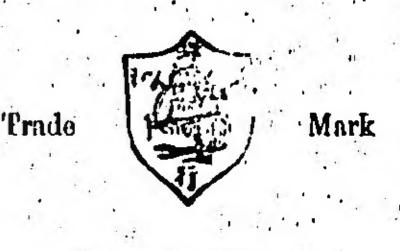
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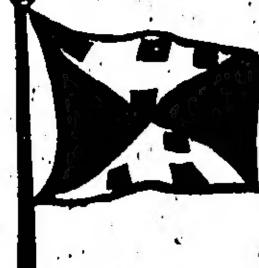
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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1905. FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship "ARRATOON APCAR,". Captain E. Fey, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant, at

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1906,

Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PORT SAID, COLOMBO. PENANG AND ' SINGAPORE,

THE H. A. L. Steamship. DODWELL & CO., LIMITED

"RHENANIA,"

Captain Förck, baving arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th January, 1906, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th January, 1906, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 5th January, 1906.

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTER DAM, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

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All Claims must be presented within ten lays of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th January, 1906, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to

be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th January, at 10 A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 1st January, 1906. [1305-(

S.S. "FERNANDEZ HERMANOS,"

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MANILA. ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are to be taken from alongside.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents,

Hongkong, 4th January, 1906. "INDRA" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM NEW YORK, &c.

THE Company's Steamship

"INDRAMAYO," " having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each

and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed. Goods not cleared by the 10th instant, at P.M., will be subject to rent.

consignment will be sorted out mark by mark,

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within

ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before

Noon, TO DAY. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, 3rd January, 1906.

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TEITHER the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Officers or the Crews of the following vessel during her

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Captain Bourdon, will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 9th January, at 1 P.M.

via Bombay and Aden.

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Europe, Next sailings will be as follows: S.S. POLYNESIEN23rd January. S.S. CALEDONIEN 6th February.

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Captain C. L. Daniel, carring His Malesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOM-BAY, on SATUIDAY The 21sth January, 1906, at Noon, taking the short and Cargo for the shove Ports it connection with the Company's S.S. Himalby, 6,8,8 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hong-

Silk and Valuables, all Chgo for France; and Tes for London (under avangement) will be transhipped at Colombi into the Mail steamer proceeding direct p Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. Reyot,

Parcels will be received at his Office until'4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

E. A. LEWETT.

This is the age of research and experiment, when all nature, so to speak, is ran-acked by the sientific for the comfort and happiness of map & Scince has indeed made giant strides during the pastentury, and among the shy no means least impriant—discoveries in medicine comes that of Thrapion, particulars of which will be found in mother column. This preparation is unquestionably one of the most genuine and reliable l'atent Midcines ever introduced, and has, we understand, ben used in the Continental Rospitals by Ricord, totan, jobert, Velpesu, Maisonneuve, the well crown Chasanignac, and indeed by all those wo are regarded as authorities in such matters, including the celebrated Lallemand, and Roux, by woon it was some time since ur formly adopted, and that it is worthy the attention of those who requiresuch a remedy we think there is no doubt. From the time of Aristotle downwards, a potent agrent the removal of these diseases has flike the fame-phisosopher's stone) been the object of search oftoms in perful generous minds; and far beyond theners power—If such could ever have been discovery—of irms uniting the baser metals into gold is srely the discovery of a remedy so potent as to repleish the fining energies of the confirmed readiting one case, and in the other so effectually, spedily and safely to expel from the system withous he protected for the knowledge, of a second partythe potents forms as to leave no table to trace beind, such is The New French Remedy Theraphon, which may certainly rank with, if not take preceive of, many of the discoveries of our day, about with no little ostentation and noise have been may, and the extensive and ever-increasing demandible were formerly the sole reliance of medical me. Therapion all those questionable remedies but were formerly the sole reliance of medical me. Therapion all those questionable remedies hat were formerly the sole reliance of medical me. Therapion all those questionable remedies hat the oblivion all those questionable remedies hat were formerly the sole A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

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	JHEH	ONGKONG TELEGRA	PH SAIURDAY JANI	UARY 6 1906.	
THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT &	Less written off this	Fernandez Hermanos, Am. s.s., 482,	HONERONS.	PRAR	CHINA COAST METROOLOGICAL REGISTERR.
TRADING CO., LD.	loss account 3,713. 3. 5	and Jan.,—Manila 30th Dec., Gen.—G., L. & Co.	The Artifactor of the Country of the	Aucott, R. F. Knight, Mr. Beattle, A. Louder, Mr.	January 5th, 1906, a.m.
The subjoined statements of accounts were held over, through pressure on our space,	By shares in the Petroleum	-Kutchinotzu 3rd Dec., Coal,-M. B. K.	Agostini, A. Husted, M. S.	Bentinck, Mrs. Martin, R. Buxton, Lady B. Mitchell, R.	Bar. Th. Hu. Wind Wr.
from last evening's issue :-	(marks 3,000,000) at cost 161,025.14. 2	Nippon Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,072, W. W. Greene, 4th Jan.,—Yokohama 27th Dec., Mails and Gen.—N. Y. K.	Battiscombe, H. G. Johannsen, Edm.	Chichester, Maj. A. A. Moss, Mrs. Clothier, A. N. Moxon, Mr. s	
To management (covering office	By shares in the Nederlandsche Indische Industrie en Handel Mastschappij (Fl. 2,000,000	Pronto, Nor. s.s., 860, Haien, 5th Jan.,— Haiphong and Hoihow 3rd Jan., Gen.—	and sould winder Prance languaged with one wife	Cocks, Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Ollis, F. B. Daniel, Mr. Painter, Majo	
directors and audit rafees £ 12,150 0 0		A. R. M. Quinta, Ger. s.s., 2,20c, Frahm, 30th Dec.,—	Berblinger, A. Jokl, J. P. F.	Darling, Col. Parry, Major Ramabaw, D. Peeble, Mr.	Nagasaki , 50.19 0
To balance of income tax (years 1903 and 1904)	By shares in the Asiatic Petro-	Port Louis via Singapore 4th Dec., Sugar.	Bishop, L. C. Kerr, F.	Fenton, Mr. Philips, Mr. s Gales, Capi. Pollock, K.C.,	Mr. Oshima 1 30.08 0 -
To provision for depreciation of steamers, with £20,000 in re-	By cash at bankers	Reighte, Br. s.s., 2,504, F. R. Ross, 2nd Jan.,—from Newcastle, N.S.W., Coal,—M. B. S.	Dispan Miss Parely C	Gaster, E. Quepnell, Ca Gearle, Ruy. Sawer, Capt. Gracey, Mr. Sinclair. A.	
6950-15.60[specialextensions 103,021 19 16 To amount written if, costs		Rhenania, Ger. F.S., 6,416, Th. Förck, 5th Jan.,—Singapore 29th Dec., Gen.—H. A.	Bissell, W. S. Köhler, W. O.	Harker, B. Brotherton Stadt, Mr. Hassan, Mr. and Mrs. Van de	
and expenses of the issue of preference shares 10,000 0 0		Shantung, Br. s.s., 1,400, Jno. Robinson, 3rd	Bogert, T. L. Lewis, L. S.	Hayner, Col. Stokes, Mr. Hazeland, F. A. Thomas, Mrs.	Koshun , 30.07 NE 8
To amount written off, Ameri-	Shipping.	Jan., Java 23rd Dec., Sugar B. & S. Taiyuan, Br. s.s., 2,300, L. Dawson, 3rd Jan.,	The second secon	Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mis W. H. Vandin, Gord	ses. Weihaiwei 9 a.m. 30.43 34 WWW 2 0
To cost of working European oil business, including pro-	Kashing, Br. s.s., 1,143, T. W. Rickard, 5th	Melbourne and Dec., Gen.—B. & S. Telemachus, Br. s.s., 1,340, J. Williamson, 4th	Borthwick, R. W. John Borthwick, Mrs. R. W. Miller, P. L.	Hughes, Mr. Vereker, Cap	t. & Mrs. Sharp Peak 1 30 26 55 94 NW 1 OF
ing to 30 h April, 1905 112,685 5 10	1 188 Thinking and I at 188 111 and 12 thinking.	Thede Fagelund, Nor. s.s., 4,382, G. Staneford,	Broughall, L. Moore, Dr. W. B. A.	Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie, Mr.	and Mrs. Canton n 30.28 55 87 N I C
To London Oil Development Co., (cost of investment writ-	Castor, Nor. 8.8, 274. Martin, 5th Jan,	15th DecNewcastle, N.S.W., 21rd Nov.,	Chatham, Hon. & Mrs. Newall, S. G.	Kaye, Major and Mrs. Woodward, N	
ten off)	Hanyang, Br. s.s., 1,206, McIntosh, 5th Jan.,-	Yochow, Br. s.s., 1,305, J. H. Brown, 5th Jan., -Canton 4th Jan., GenB. & S.	Clark, M. O. Nicholis, E. A. Clark, T. Oliffe, O. C.	Kelsall, Major & Mrs.	Gap Rock 1 30.22 — NR 4 — NW 1 0 Haiphong 1
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By balance from year 1903	6th Jan.,— ntwerp 10th Nov., via London 25th, Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co. Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, R. Houghton, 6th	Celtic Chief, Br. ship, 1,709, Jones, 9th Nov.,— Philadelphia, 10th June, Kerosine.—S. O.	and Mrs. H. I. Pecker, B. L.	R. J. Jameson, P. Sameson, P.	S. Cebu
(£158,852 18s, 9d. lest divi"	Jan.,-Sandakan 30th Dec., Timber and GenJ., M. & Co	Otra, Nor. ship, 1,199, E. Reisnes, 24th Dec.,-	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	Dann, G. H. Smith, E. Gr. Dow, P. Smith, Mr.	and Mrs
By net profits for the year 1501.	Taming, Br. s.s., 1,350, A. W. Outerbridge, 6th Jan., Manila 3rd Jan., Gen. and Hemp	Fremantle 18th Oct., Sandalwood.—S. & Co. Rose, Br. bq., 822, Wright, 10th Nov.,—West	Coulthart, J. Pigott, C.	Falloon, C. H. Grant Gaskell, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Percy	January 6th, 1906, a.m.
including chartered and other freights, rests of install dions,	B. & S. Ischia, Ital. s s. 2,784, C. Andrea, 6th Jan.,—	Australia 4th Aug., Sandal Wood.—S. &	Cunningham, G. Reel, Dr. L. R.	Harben, Mr. and Mrs. Soppa, P. Marchant, Capt. and Webb, Mr.	and Mrs. Vladivostock. 7 a.m. - - - - - - - - - -
able from the Nederlandsch-	Bombay 16th Dec., and Singapore 31st, Gen.—C. & Co.	Simla, Br. 4-masted bq., 2,087, Casson, 13th Dec.,—Cardiff 4th July, Patent Fuel.—	Deacon, F. B. Roach, Mrs. J. S. and	Mrs. and children Montague	Tokio
Indische Company, the P. P. A. G., and the Asiatic Petro-	Mercedes, Br. transport, 4,000, J. C. McGregor, 6th Jan.,—Weihaiwei 31st Dec., Ballast.—	Naval Yard.	Douglas, Capt. & Mrs. 1. Robbins, R.M., Lieut.	Casperson, S. Lowe, Mr. at	Nogomotic I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
leum Company, also further profits from the last named on account of the year 1903	Manningtry, Br. s.s., 3,786, Lawson, 6th Jan.,	Steamers Expected.	W. A. Schalthöfer, P. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. J.	Dollinger, Mrs. A. and C. child Majer, Capt. Gujoh, T. N. J.	and Mrs. Oshima "
previously estimated 465,212 8 4	Pasoran 30th Dec., Sugar.—H. & S. Clearances at the Harbour Office.	Vessels From Angest Due	T. C. and infant G. and child Evan-Jones, Dr. and Shea, J. J.	Hachne, Dr. Med. McKay, J. Hemp, A. Martin, H.	Ishigakijima
LS24,075 7 1	Rorneo, for Sandakan. Rhenania, for Shanghai.	P. Waldemar Japan M. & Co Jan. 7 Tjimahi Kobe J. C. J. L Jan. 8 Caledonien Saigon M. M Jan. 9	Mrs. R. Skott, C. Fischer, E. Spittles, J. S.	Horstmann, H. Munro, Miss Hug, R. Mustairos, I.	A. Taichu
EALANCE SHEET AT "31ST DECEMBER, 1904." Lindilities,	Shartung, for Samarang.	KutsangShanghaiC. P. R. Co Jan. 9 AthenianShanghaiC. P. R. Co Jan. 9	Liercoet et arein or	Kegel, Mr. Owen, O. E. Keller, W. Packbam, Mr.	Koshun 30.07 — NE 6 — NE 10 — NE
To capital authorised and paid up:-	Amigo, for Hoihow. Choy lang, for Shanghai.	Zafiro Manila 5., T. & Collan. 9 Doric Japan O. & O. Collan. 10	Frankels, C. W. Stein, D. Full, Mr. and Mrs. A. Steinmetz, Th. Goldstein, A. E. Stephens, H.	Kempel, Capt. C. R. and 2 de Keyt, Dr. H. Schönberg, V	ictor Gutzlaff 30.30 43 83 N 3 by
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To creditors:— 3,000,000 0 0	Quinta, for Chinklang. Sumatra, for Shanghai. Kashing, for Canton.		Hanghwont, W. B. Thompson, J. K. Hardy, R.M., Lt. and Thompson, N. S.	Lindemann, Dr. Zimmermann Lionen, W. H. Lowe, Miss Siesie	Gap Rock 30.21 - RNE 1 -
Bills payable 34,656 10 10	Mausing, for Canton. Mausing, for Singapore	HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCKS.	Mrs. C. T. Wakefield, Mrs. and Harker, B. Br. Miss	KOWLOON.	Macao
Counts, 183,906 3 4	Departures. Jan. 6.	Kailong Hawloon Pock.	Holt, B. G. Watkins, Miss R. Hollingsworth, Mr. & Whitlow, A. W.	Ainslie, Dr. D. H. Crawford, Mr. Charlton, R.N., Capt. Pall, A. J.	
bilities and chargesupon	Rubi, for Manila. Trocas, for Palambang.	Yatshing	Humphreys, Mr. and Wright, Mr. & Mrs. T.	and Mrs. E. and Hogge, Mr.	and Mrs. Cebu
steamers and installations,	Hanyang, for Wuhu. Haiching, for Swatow.	BHANGHAI.	trunted set	Binder, Mrs. F. C. Reynolds, F.	O
&c 607,583 14 10 To drafts current against ship:	Yuensang, for Manila. Amigo, for Hoihow.	Pekin Cosmopolitan, Dec. 23	HIS BRITANN	IO MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON T	HE ORINA STATION.
ments	Namsang, for Calcutta. Borneo, for Sandakan.	Ships Passed The Canal.	NAME. CLASS.	TONS. GUNS. I.H.P.	CAPTAIN. LAST REPORTED AT
1	Choysang, for Shanghai. Kashing, for Canton.	Ontward-30th December-Preussen, Prina			
To insurance fund	Passengers arrived. Per Ischia, from Singapore—109 Chinese.	Regent Luitpoid, Ceylon. 3rd January—Bara- long. Homeward—30th December—Avala, Ben-	Andromeda cruiser, ist class	11,000 16 16,500 Ca	mmander Harbord Hongkong ptain R. elson Ommanney Shanghai sutCommander R. H. Heaton Hongkong
Amount ha	Per Taming, from Manila-Capts, Gordon Casserly, Rolubacher, U.S.N., Mosers, L. E.	alder, Achilles, Denbighshire, Menelaus, Ras Issa, Poona, Salaste, Serbia, Verona, Bantu.	Arun terpedo boat destroyer Astraca cruiser, and class Consventure cruiser, and class	4,365 IO 7,000 Ca	ptain H. H. Torlesso Shanghai ptain H. H. Torlesso Shanghai
ance sheet at	McCilland, C. Bttair, D. A. Sherfey, F. H. Merillat, L. Smith, K. H. Shaffer, Lieut, H.	Indrasamha. 3rd January-Scandia, Hyades,	Cadmus loop	1,070 6 1,400 Co	mmander II. du C. Luard Yangtaze Hongkong
To profit and loss account:—	Schuman, Messrs. C. Courtes, W. H. Hoogs and R. E. Johnson.	Arrivals at Home—30th December—Ben-	Clio sleep sleep oruiser, ist class	1,070 6 1 1,400 Co	mmander H. D. Wilkin, D.S.O Yangtezo ptain H. W. Savory Hongkong
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ence share die	child, infant and amah, Capt. and Mrs. H. Bathurst, Miss R. Chee, Mr. F. B. Smith, Miss	Post Office.	Ettrick torpedo bant destroyer torpedo bant destroyer	550 6 7,000 Co	mmander A. F. Everett Hongkong
year to 31st Dec., 1901 50,000. 0. 0	Ario, Mrs. B. M. Caldwell, Master B. Caldwell, Quarter-Master-Sergt, Yule, Sub-Cads, O'	A Mail will close for:-	Flora torpedo boat destroyer cruiser, 2nd class	4,360 10 7,000 Ca	ptain H. Grant-Dalton Singapore
APPROPRIATION.	Neill and Paiston, Quarter-Master Sergts. Noonan and Pilley, LtSergtMajor Ovenden,		Handy torpedo boat destroyer torpedo boat destroyer	175 6 4,000 Lie	eutCommander H. B. Cox Hongkong eutCommander Richards Hongkong Hongkong Hongkong
Dividend on or- dinary shares	Lieuts. R. A. Yonge, A. Gordon, R. L. Fdward, A. W. V. Hopegood, Rev. W. P. W. William, and Mr. L. Rish. For Shanghai-Mr and Mrs.	Macao—Fer Heungsham, 8th Jan., 1.15 P.M. Cebu and Manila—Per Palma, 8th Jan.,	Hecla special service torpedo- Hogue cruiser, 1st class torpedo boat destroyer	12,000 14 21,000 CR	ptain E. F. B. Charlton Hongkong ptain Shortland Hongkong outCommander C. Seymour Hongkong
paid 1st Jan., 100,000. 0. 0.	H. King, child, infant and nurse, Miss Nash,	Simpsonhafen, Fr. Wilhelmshafen, Herberts- hohe, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Janus torpedo boat destroyer Kinsha river gunboat	280 6 3,900 Lie	outCommander W. H. Darwall Hongkong butCommander E. V. F. R. Dugmore Yangtsze
Carried forward 107.815.17. 0	keide, Rev. H. Clerent, and Mr. T. E. Phelps. For Yokohama—Mr. C. S. Curteir.	-Per Prins Waldemar, 9th Jan., 10 A.M. Europe. & India, 160 Tutu onn l'e	Moorhen river gunboat torpedo boat destroyer	180 2 800 Lie	eutCommander F. B. Noble West River eutCommander J. Kiddle Hongkong
£207,815.17. 0	Passengers departed.	Ernest Simons, 9th Jan., 11 A.M. Macao-Per Heungshan, 9th Jan., 1.15 P.M.	Rembler surveying-vessel	85 3 240 Lis	mmander C/E: Monro Surveying (Labuan eut. Commander Robert E. Vaughan. West River
ASSETS. 24,477,848.12. 3	Per China, for San Francisco-Mr. E. Goddard, Dr. R. M. Powers, Messis, Jas. Rolph,	Kobe—Per Kowloom, 9th Jan., 3 P.M. Shanghai—Per Loongmoom, 9th Jan., 3 P.M.	Sandpiper river gunboat	85 2 240 Li	eutCommander H. T. Atlay West River
By property of the Company, viz.:—Steamhips, freeholds, buildings, wharves, storage	R. T. Rolph, J. A. Keenly, F. Latimer, D. L. Topping, Miss A. Donaldson, Messrs. C. E.	Yokohama and Kobe-Per Taiyuan, 9th	Sutlej cruiser, 1st class	12,000 14 21,000 Ca	ptain W. L. Grant Hongkong Hongkong Hongkong Hongkong
works, plant and installa-	Young, E. W. Bonnafon, W. H. Witherdrink, U.S.N., J. A. R. Smith, Jr., U.S.N., Com Ir. E. H.		Tamar receiving ship river gunboat river gun	150 2 800 Li	eutCommander E. Secretan Yangtere eutCommander Hughes Hongkong
Amount as per balancesheet	A. E. Dronkers, Comd. N. A. Anderson, U.S.M., Mrs. L. P. Byrnes, Miss E. F. Robinson, Mr.	of China, 16th Jan., 11 4.14	Waterwitch torpedo boat destroyer whiting torpedo boat destroyer	620 4 450 Co	eutCommander C. E. L. Thomas Hongkong
at 31st Dec., 1903£3,048,623.11. 0	W. F. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Rivenburg, Messrs. T. F. Jones, F. D. Philips and T. M.	TO-MORROW.	Widgeon river gunboat river gunboat	195 2 800 Li	eutCommander G. J. Todd Yangtsse Yangtsse
Deduct pro- ceeds of sales	Matthews. For China and Japan Ports-Miss L Constable, Mrs. M. S. Bulteel and maid,	St. Peter's Seamen's Church.	Woodlark river gunboat	150 2 550 Li	entCommander Jno, F. Knox Yangtase
of installa- tions less ax- nanditure in	Vriedm in. J. C. Hanna, Edw. A. Pugh, J. Mc-	Morning Prayer II. a.m., Venite, Elvey; Te Deum, Jones; Benedictus, Twalbeck; Jubilate;	Flying-Flag of Admiral Sir Gerard U. I	Noel, Commander-in-Chief.	
penditure in 1904 on ex- tension of	Cracken, V. R. Lightbody, Chas. R. Scott and native stream, Mr. J. Calder, Mrs. W. T. Page, Messes J. H. Page, Jr. and J. W. Rolles	Hymns, 34, 87, 86 and 33; Kyrie, Arnold, Holy Communion 12.15 p.m.	DDENC	H MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CI	INA STATION
installations.	Messrs. J. H. Page, Jr., and J. W. Bolles. Per Rubi, for Manil.—Messis. H. Sieben- shein Chas. G. Brunner, Miss. J. McCallum.	Evening Prayer, 6.30 p.m., Cantate, Monk; Deus, Hopkins: Hymns, 88, 89, 296 and 32.			
Steamers 33,104. 9. 6	shein, Chas. G. Brunner, Miss J. McCallum, Dr. Muller, Messrs. J. Mustaros, R. Hug, W. n.it, Mr. and Mrs. Bergmann, Mrs. Matsu.	ships carrying white crews to bring friends		N, Tons, Guns, H.P.	COMMANDING OFFICERS. LAST REPORTED AT
Deduct provision for deprecia- tion of steamers and in respect	Kamko, Viss V. Douglas, Messrs. W. F. Gage, J. F. Bramfield, and Miss Z. Crocker.	ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m., (Kowloon Police Pier, 10.30 and 6 p.m.): returning after-		1,796 to 1,700 L	eut. Ferret Salgon
of installations, &c , viz :	Shipping Report.	wards. The Answering Pennant is the Call	Adour transport	123 - 500 L	eut Merie Halphong ieut, Jeannel Hongkong
Amount added this year	Str. Mausang from Sandakan :—Strong mon- soon with rough sen.	ed. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided. Sunday school to to 10.45 s.m.	Avalanche river gunboat river gunboat	140 5 150	Haiphong
Amount added this year a/c	Str. Sumatra from Antwerp :- Strong mon-	Roman Catholic Cathedral :- Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction,	Caronade river gunboat river gunboat	I40 5 150 L	ieut. Millet Saigon Saigon Seut. Merveilleux du Vignaux Gulf of Siam
Special Ex-	Str. Taming from Vanila : Voderate wind	German Betheeda Chapel, West Point:-	D'Assas armoured cruiser	4.000 31 0.000 C	aptain Allaire Salgon 's ieutenant L'Eost Haiphong
£497,342.11. 0	and sea, clear and cloudy weather.	St Francis Church Wanchai :- Mass (Chin.).	Décidée gunboat cruiser cruiser armoured cruiser	3,985 14 5,500 C	ommander Amel Shanghai Saigon
By advances to the Neter- landsch Indische Industrie en	Str. Kashing from Chinklang : - Experienced strong N'ly winds, and high sea during trip.	6 a.m., (Port.), 7.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road:—Morning	Estoc river gunboat	303 - L	ieut. Mère Haiphong Saigon
Handel Mastschappil, repre-	Vessels in Port.	Service (English), 9 a.m. St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point:—Mass.	Guichen † protected cruiser		apt. Tracou Salgon
By Debtors on Current account	STRANSES. Alexander, Am. s.s., 1 785, Gove, 13th Nov.	8 a.m.	Gueydon armoured cruiser river gunboat		apt, Ridoux Saigon leut, Portier Haiphong leut, Le Coroller Haiphong
(including certified estimates of amounts recoverable under	Arratoon Appar, Br. s.s., 2,931, E. Fey, and	VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.	Jacquin river gunboat destroyer	307 - 300 C	ommander Sagot-Duvauroux Salgon
Marine Policies)	jan.,—Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 27th Dec. Gen.—D. S. & Co., Ld.	KING EDWARD.	Lynx sub-marine sub-marine armoured cruiser	9,500 I2 19,600 C	apt. Martel Saigon
Sy accounts with the Neder-	Caithness, Br. s.s., 2,222, W. Atkinson, 29th Dec.,—Newcastle, N.S.W. 2nd Dec., Coal. —Order.	Alpine, Mrs. K. M. Joseph, Nr. and Mrs. Asheriv. David R. S.	Mousquet destroyer fiver gunboat	307 7 6,300 L	ieut. Duchemin Baigon ieut. Grellier Chungking
Hat del Mantschappij 69,772,11,10' By unexpired marine insurance	Calliope, Br. s.s., 2,498, J. G. Soulaby, and	Barnes, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. and child Bonde, Mr. Logan, W.	Peiho gunboat sub-marine		leut, Marchand Tongku Salgon
premiums, and balances in respect of panding voyages 44.460.16. 2	Daigi Maru, J.p., s.s., 857, S. Tagami, 4th	Brunner, Chas. C. Lugebil, V. Burrill, H. R. Morre, F. G.	Pistolet destroyer Protés sub-marins	307 7 0,300 L	ieut. Glorieux Saigon Saigon
By stocks of petroleum oil and liquid fuel affoat and in store	Dr. Hans Jürg Kizer, Nor. ss, 691, H. E.	Cummings, H. W. Moses, E. J. Curtis, C. B. Moulder, Mr. and Mrs.	Rapière destroyer	(F)	lagship of Rear-Admiral de Marolles,) Capt. Passerat de Silans, Com'ding } Salgon
By sundry stocks	Larsen, 10th Dec.,—Hollo 14th Dec., Sugar.—Askand & Ti oresen Co.	Dismukes, D. E. and Nursaw, E.	Redoutable battleship, reserve destroyer		the local naval defence of Indo-China)
By balance of cost and expenses	Elita Nossack, Ger. s.s., 1,160, W. Lassen, 31st Dec.,—Canton 30th Dec., Gen.—S. &	Double, R.H., Comdr. Richy, L. M. Thorpe Robobacher, Comdr. J.	Styx armoured gunboat	1,700 IO 1,700 C	eut, Roque Bale d'Along
off to this date)	Emma Luyken, Gor. s.s., 1,160, G. Cornand, 1st Jan, -Canton 31st Dec., CoalOrder.	Double, Mrs. H. Dougles, Miss Schreiner, Otto	Takiang, river gunboat destroyer	;; 350 5 — C	ommander Terquem Saigon
By balance of Ameri- can expenses as per balance sheet	Empress of China, Br. s.s., 3,046, R. Archibald, Den. R. 10th Dec. Vancouver, B.C., 27th	H, W. Staeger, D.	Vauban battleship, reserve Vétéran receiving ship		aut. Fougerousse Saigon cut. Brugnon Canton
of 19037,085.19. 7 Add expenditure in	Nov., and Shanghai 16th Liec., Mails and	Gomez, G. M. Textor, Capt. H.	*Flagship of Vice-Admiral Richard, Co.	mmander-in-Chief.	But Drugnon Canton
1904	Fausang, Br. s.s., 1,410, F. Wheeler, 3rd Jan., —Sourabaya 25th Dec., Sugar,—J., M. &	Hamperly, Mr. & Mrs. Tobin, R. J. Haslawood, C. H. Unbehaun, C. H.	Flagship of Bear-Admiral Boisse, Second At the disposal of Rest-Admiral de Mai	d-in-Command	of Indo-Chisa.
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THE DEPOT OPENS AT 6 A.M. THE following are in Stock:— PRIME AUSTRALIAN BEEF. Make your	STOCKS	NO. OF.		AID UP.	1	ER LAST REPORT.) · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	APROXIMATE	CLOSING
DAIRY FARM FED PORK.	BANKS			c	£1,000,000°	ACCOUNT.		OUOTATION.	DUOTATIONS
Australian Oysters, 21 doz.; bottles\$1.00 per bot. 1.90 per Inrge bottle.	Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation		\$125	\$125	\$8,500,000	11,702,728	{L1'15/- @ exchange 1/10}=\$18.66.67} for first half-year 1905	.5 %	\$1895
Australian Smoked Mullet 0.50 per ih do do Schnapper 0.50 Bacon, Best Eng 0.75	National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	67	£5	\$200,000	\$41,768	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	**	London Log \$38 buyers
Carno Meat Extract, 2 oz 0.70 per pot.	MARINE INSURANCES.	10,000	\$250	\$50 {	\$1,600,000		\$20 for 1904	61 Y	
Chickens do do ord	China Traders' Insurance Company, I imited	24,000	\$83.33	525	\$950,000 \$169,215	10. 1	0)		\$315 sellers
Chickens' Gizzards		K.			\$202,455		\$41 for year ended 30.2 1905	s 1 %	190 buyers
Ducks, Wild	North China Insurance Company, Umited	10,000	" £15	· £5 {	Tis. 100,000 } Tis. 100,000	Tis, 302,053	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1904	51 %	Tls. 95
Ham, Australian, "Pineapple"	Union Insurance Coriety of Canton, Limited,	10,000	\$250		\$2,000,000				
Brand)	Union Insurance Court of Carrier I miles		12,0	\$100	\$331,453 \$1,043,930 \$1,152,364	\$2,339,312	54'7.fn: 1904	5 %	'; 20 buyers
Oysters, American (large size, in tins)	Vangtage Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	\$100	\$60	\$750,000 \$5,000 \$5,800	\$486,284	\$12 and \$3 special dividend for 1903	81 %	\$170
Partridges, Local	China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$1,000,000 \$218,093 \$2,241		\$6 dividend & \$1 bonus for 1903	8. 9	
Rice Birds	Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	1	1250	\$50	\$1,200,505	\$360,372	\$34 for 1903	11 %	\$330
Sausages, Australian Fritz 0.60 "Sausages, Own Make (of Australian Meats) PURCHASE Tongues, Australian Sheen	China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$25 \$50	\$25 \$50 {	\$5,000 \$261,638 } \$88,941 }	\$8,832	\$1 for 1904	5 %	\$20 enles
Turkeys, Choice Australian (plucked)	Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld	£0,000	F15	515	\$250,000 }	18,04	1) for first half-year roc 5	1	\$361 buyers
Orders required to be filled in the labor.	Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	60,000	£10	£10 }	\$145,376 } (120,000 } (241,150 }		12/- @ 1/10/=\$6.29.51 for 1904		\$251 buyers
the previous day. Orders for NOON should be sent in by 8 ca. FROM	Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	100,000	T1s. 50 TI	, IV.	£3,999 } Tis. 25,000 £400,000 }	Title . Am Auffer	Interim of Tie 14 for 1905	8 %	\$92 Tis. 58 buyers
Orders for 3.30 P.M. should be sent in by NOON the same day.	"Shell" Transport and Training Company, Limited	{ 10,000 10,000	\$10 \$10	F10 .	\$65,000} \$24,257}		1/- (Coupon No. 6, for 1905 \$1.80 } for year ending 30, [1905,]	1 41 7	Tls. 47 buyers 22/6 ex div. \$32 sellers
Hongkong, 5th January, 1906. [44	Straits Steamship Company, L'miled	5,000	100	1100	\$400,000 } \$ 21,075 } \$130,153	\$21,23 1	\$10 for 1904'	1 4 6	\$23 seliers
A. CHAZALON & CO.,	Taku Tug and Lighter Creer nv. 1 mited	3h,oro	" T Is, 50 T.	TIS. 50	7 ls. 98,000)	4.333			\$149 buyers
6. Queen's Road Contral	PERINTERS				Tis. 28,000 Tis 81,200	44535	Interim of Ths. 2 for 1905	91 %	7'ls, 35 buyers
a natirecolagu	China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000		100	\$450,000 } \$150,000	142,812	Interim of \$10 for 1905	10 %	\$205
A Select Assortment of English and French Confectionery from the best makers of London	Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	7100 3 Tis; 50 Tis	5 50 7	7 is. 100,000	1'r. \$85,987 11s. 3,723	53 for 1892	4	525 sales Tis, 62 sales
CHILL I WILD.		1,000,000	Li	£1 {	(80,000)	L13.355			701
MARRONS GLACES FONDANTS FOURRES		500,000	6 \$10 G.	\$10 8/10	£26,011 } none £4.873	0 40/2,093	Final of 1/- (No. 5) Final of 50 cents making G \$1 for 1905		Tis. o sales G. \$161
PRALINES DRAGEES PATES PECTORALES AT MODERATE PRICES.	Docks, Wharves & Godowns.	50,000	£1	£1	A410/3	Dr. £8,745	No. 12 of 1/-=48 cents		\$41 buyers
PAPILOTTES	Famham, (S. C.) Boyd & Co., Limited) 0,000 E	Tis, 100 Tis	Tis	570,000	Tia. 34,924	Interim of Tls. 4 for year 1905/6	10 %	1 Tis. 120 ex div. s.
FRENCH CHOCOLATE				"" s	\$250,000		The state of the s	- ALCOHOLOGY	4. 10
CADBURY'S LOWNEY'S PETER'S	Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Codown, Co., Ld. Hongkong and Whampon Dock Company, Ld.	40,000 50,000	\$50 \$50	Sto Sto	\$10,000 \$300,000 \$41,500		Interim of \$2] for 1905		Fro8 buyers
1100	New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	10,000	\$61 Tie	\$6# 5 T	\$55,500 Fis. 487,210 }	Dr. 10,260	\$6 for first half-year 190; \$1} for 1903	1. 7. 9	\$164 .\$17
LIQUERS, BRANDY, WHISKY, Are from the most service.	The state of the s	. 1	Tis. 100 Tis	100 (Tis. 59,880 3 Tis. 17,500	118 100111	Interim of Tls. 6 for 190; Tls. 18 for 1904	51.2	Tis. 225 buyers Tis. 190 buyers
Hongkong, 11th December tore	LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDING. Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000		S25 .	\$14,516 Tis, 34,000 }		\$21 for year ended 30.6.1005	2.4	\$28 sales
CUTLER, PALMER & CO.	Astor House Hotel, Limited (Tientsin)	6,000	T.Tls. 50 T.T Sig]5, to {	Tis. 8,000)	115, 806	Interim of Tls. 5 or year '905/6	8 % 's	Tis: 130 buyers
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS,	Do. (Founders')	74,000	212	574	\$20,000 \$648,975}		Preferential of 7 per cent for 1904	7 %	Stoo S7 sales.
OF	Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., I d	50,000		\$50 100	\$31,087 \$	\$37.875	\$5 for first half-year 1965	0.0	\$150 Bales
LONDON, INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.	Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited (Shanghai) Hotel Metropole Company, Limited	9,000 T 2,000	1s. 25 Tis. \$100 \$1	25 ICO (71s. 20,986 \$200,994}	First year	Interim of \$31 for 1905 Interim of Tl. 1 Final of \$6 making \$10	09.7	S125 sales Tis. 16 sellers S102
	Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000		F10 {	S50,000 S	311,958	90 cents for 1904	1 77.7	513 541
222.50	Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited Tientsin Hotel des Colonies, Limited		ls. 50 Tis.	50 T	ls. 828,813 } ls. 170,000 } none	Tls. 40,066	Interim of Tis, 3 for 190;	68.9	Tis: 120 sales
	Tientsin Land Investment Company, Limited		is, 100 Tis.	100	Tis. 67,300	Tis. 725 \$1,2.17	Interim of Tis. 3 for 1905 Interim of Tis. 3 for 1905 Interim of \$1\$ for 1905	6 % 61 %	Tis. 45 sellers Tis. 115 sellers . 555 sales
WHISKY, PALL MALL	COTTON MILLS. Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld	. 5,000 TI	is, so Tis.	50 T	Tls. 45,939		Tis. 8 for year ended 31. 10.1904	-01 Ar	C a
" JOHN WALKER & SONS' OLD HIGHLAND	Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10 \$	10	\$30,000	523,264	31 for the year ending 31.7.05	77 %	Tis. 44 sellers
10.50	Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld. Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	8,000 T	5. 100 Tis.	100	none Tis. 5,658	Tis. 10,000	Interim of 3 % a/c 1898	100	Tis. 40 buyers Tis. 54 sellers
DOURO		2,000 Ti	s, soo Tis,	,00		Tia. 22,050	4 % for 1897		Tis. 250 buyers
SHERRY, AMOROSO	Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	4,000 5 8,604	\$100 \$10	00	none	\$20	None		\$1bo
IN TORRE	Campben, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200 h	S1.2 _ 51		\$8,cco	\$1,182 Nil	\$3 for 1904	21 7	\$72 sales \$36 \$10 sellers
,40.50	China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000 00,000	5:0 Th. 5 5:0 Si 5:0 Si	50	18. 30,000 none \$8,0000	53,739	None	0"2	Tis. 80 sellers
THE ABOVE EXCLUSIVELY SHIPPED TO	Green Island Cement Company, Limited	50,000	\$74 \$1 \$10 \$1	0 }	\$15,000 \$400,000 } \$500,000 } \$186,000	\$95,054	2 for 1904	7 %	\$15} buyers \$28} buyers
	Hongkong Electric Company, Limited		\$20 \$2 \$10 \$1 \$10 \$1	0 } a	none	\$7,551	final of \$14 making \$24	61 7	\$25 sales \$15 buyers \$14 buyers
[43]	Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company 1:d'		100 \$10 125 \$2 550 \$5	ю '	\$50,000 \$60,000 \$60,000	\$2,796 \$6,366	nterim of \$4 for 100c	7 %	5225 5235 buyers
ACTION	nongkong Steam Waterboat Company, Limited	2,500	200 \$10	Tie.	\$2,500 tone	188	inal of 50 cents making \$1 for the year	7 7	\$152 buyers \$13 cellers \$145
ACHHHUL	Mondon, (E. L.) Limited	7,000 Tis.	100 Gs. 10 50 Tls. 50	OO Tis	528,210 } s. 19,465 } none Dr.	Tis. 35,849 { 7	in all Tis. 223 for 1905	101 %	Tis, 25 september
ESTABLISHED 1850	In the state of th	7,500	\$10 \$16 \$50, \$50	n no	one D	r. P. \$53,619 1.1 Dr. \$16,455	one accession and the second		5 buy
FURNITURE	anangnai of mongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ld.,		70	_]	143,000 / 1	_i		Alf	
FURNITURE, DEPOT	Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ld., Shanghai Gas Company, Limited Shanghai Horse Bazaar Company, Limited	5,400 Fis.	So Tis. 50	o la Tis.	108,172 \$ ~ 8, 45,000	Tis. 8,011 I	is, 6 for 1004	and the second second	1 128 buyers
FURNITURE, GENERAL HOUSEHOLD ESTABLISHED 1859. DEPOT FOR	Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ld., Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	16,000 [1s. 5,400 [1s. 4,500 [1s. 30,000 [1s.	50 Fis. 5 100 Fis. 10 20 Fis. 20	Tis. Tis. Tis. Tis. Tis.	108,172 \$ ~ 8, 45,000 8, 25,000 8, 24,820 } 6, 25,000 \$	Tis. 8,011 IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII	ls. 6 for 1904	9 2	Tis. 67 l Tis. 150 sellers Tis. 65 sellers
FURNITURE, GENERAL HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES. ESTABLISHED 1859. DEPOT FOR EASTMAN'S	Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ld., Shanghai Gas Company, Limited Shanghai Horse Bazaar Company, Limited Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited Shanghai-Sumstra Tobacco Company, Limited Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited South China Morning Post, Limited Steam Laundry Company, Limited	16,000 [1s. 5,400 [1s. 4,500 [1s. 30,000 [1s. 7,200 [5,000 [5]	50 Γία, 5 100 Γία, 20 20 Γία, 20 25 5 5 5	Tis. Tis. Tis. Tis. Tis. Tis. Tis.	108,172 \$ ~ 8, 45,000 8, 25,000 \$ 6, 25,000 \$ 170,000 Cone	Tis. 8,011 Tis. 9,751 Tis. 0,968 Tis. 1,297 Tis. 17,220 11 Dr. \$5,068 \$1,134	is. 6 for 1904 iterim of Tis. 6 for 1905 iterim of Tis. 2 iterim of 15/- for 1905 one cents for year ended 31.5.05	9 × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × ×	Tis. 671 Tis. 150 sellers
FURNITURE, GENERAL HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES. ESTABLISHED 1859. DEPOT FOR EAST MAN'S KODAKS, FILMS.	Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ld., Shanghai Gas Company, Limited Shanghai Horse Bazaar Company, Limited Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited Shanghai-Sumstra Tobacco Company, Limited Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited Steam Laundry Company, Limited Steam Laundry Company, Limited Steam Laundry Company, Limited Steats Ice Company, Limited	16,000 [1s. 5,400 [1s. 4,500 [1s. 7,200 [1s. 7,200 [1s. 7,000 [1s. 2,000 [1s. 7,200	50 Fis. 5 100 Fis. 20 20 Fis. 20	Tis. Tis. Tis. Tis. Tis. Tis. Tis. Tis.	E. 45,000 E. 25,000 E. 25,000 E. 25,000 170,000	Tis. 8,011 Tis. 9,751 Tis. 0,968 Tis. 1,297 Tis. 17,220 11 35,068 \$1,134 \$700 Tis. 1,012 F	is. 6 for 1904 hterim of Tis. 6 for 1905 hterim of Tis. 2 hterim of 15/- for 1905 one	3 X X X X	Tis. 67 l Tis. 150 sellers Tis. 65 sellers Fis. 450 boyers

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